

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name *Philip Orndorff*

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<i>Frederick & Sher. Co., Va. Records;</i>	Birth							<i>Married by John</i>
<i>Records of Roy L. Orndorff, Arlington, Va.</i>	Chr'nd							<i>Montgomery (Presby-terian)</i>
	Mar.	<i>15</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1782</i>		<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
	Death	<i>After</i>		<i>1830</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
	Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Elizabeth Seabert (Seibert-Sibert)*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death	<i>After</i>		<i>1802</i>		<i>Shenandoah?</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
Burial							

Places of Residence

Compiler *Millner* Occupation if other than Housewife _____ Church Affiliation _____

Address *523 Hazelwood Ct* City, State *Glenview, Ill.* Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date *January 20, 1977*

Her Father *Jacob Seabert*

Mother's Maiden Name *Mary*

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>Jacob Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>1787</i>		<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Marr. by Nicholas Smucker (Luth.)</i>
	<i>Margaret Finley</i>	Mar.	<i>30</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>1816</i>				
		Death	<i>22</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>1859</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Burial							
2	<i>Philip Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>1792</i>				
	<i>Christina Peer</i>	Mar.	<i>30</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>1823</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Death			<i>1880</i>				
		Burial							
3	<i>Lewis Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Williams</i>	Birth			<i>1798</i>				<i>Marr. by Christy Sine</i>
	<i>Isabella Copeland</i>	Mar.	<i>17</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>1829 (2)</i>				
		Death	<i>1</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>1854 (Typhoid)</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Burial							
4	<i>Samuel Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>1802</i>				<i>Died of Cholera</i>
	<i>Comfort Jane Peer</i>	Mar.	<i>14</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1826</i>				<i>Marbus</i>
		Death	<i>17</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>1858</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Burial							
5	<i>John Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>1790</i>				<i>Marr. by Nicholas Smucker</i>
	<i>Elizabeth Peer</i>	Mar.	<i>7</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>1813</i>				
		Death	<i>After</i>		<i>1870</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Burial							
6	<i>Nellie Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.					<i>Never married</i>		
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name *John Orndorff*

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This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<i>Shenandoah Co., Va. Records; Records of Ray L. Orndorff; 1870 & 1872 Diaries of John Samuel Boehm</i>	Birth			<i>1790</i>				<i>Marr. by Nicholas Smucker (Luth).</i>
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.		<i>7 Mar</i>	<i>1813</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
	Death		<i>After</i>	<i>1870</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
	Burial							

Places of Residence *Va.*
 Occupation *Blacksmith* Church Affiliation *Luth.?* Military Rec.
Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father *Philip Orndorff* Mother's Maiden Name *Elizabeth Seibert*

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Elizabeth Peer*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler *Millner* Places of Residence
 Address *523 Hazelwood Ct* Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation
 City, State *Glenview, Ill.*
Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 Date *20 Jan 1977* Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children	
1	<i>Wesley Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>c1822</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Moved to W. Va.</i>	
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
2	<i>John Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>c1821</i>					
		Mar.	<i>30 Apr</i>	<i>1849</i>	<i>(Bond)</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>		
		Death								
	<i>Ann Orndorff</i>	Burial								
3	<i>Margaret Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	<i>22 Jun</i>	<i>1816</i>			<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Marr. by Hiram Myers,</i>	
		Mar.	<i>4 Mar</i>	<i>1840</i>			<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Meth.</i>	
		Death	<i>25 Feb</i>	<i>1903</i>		<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>			
	<i>Jacob Stover Boehm</i>	Burial				<i>Taylor's Drain Meth. Church Cemetary,</i>			<i>" "</i>	
4	<i>Eliza Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
	<i>1. Jesse Orndorff</i> <i>2. James Orndorff</i>	Burial								
5	<i>Jacob Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>c1819</i>					
		Mar.	<i>1 Jun</i>	<i>1841</i>	<i>(Bond)</i>					
		Death								
	<i>Mary Clower</i>	Burial								
6	<i>Elizabeth Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>c1831</i>					
		Mar.								
		Death								
	<i>1. Wm. Bauserman</i> <i>2. Willie Brill</i>	Burial								
7	<i>Matilda Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>c1837</i>				<i>Lived Wardensville, W. Va.</i>	
		Mar.								
		Death								
	<i>Godlove</i>	Burial								
8	<i>Hamilton Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>c1833</i>					
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								
9	<i>Lewis Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	<i>18 Mar</i>	<i>1822</i>			<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Marr. by George Shaver</i>	
		Mar.	<i>19 Mar</i>	<i>1850</i>			<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>		
		Death	<i>16 Jun</i>	<i>1905</i>			<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>		
	<i>Lavinia Rudolph</i>	Burial				<i>Sugar Hill Cemetary,</i>			<i>" "</i>	
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth								
		Mar.								
		Death								
		Burial								

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name *Jacob Stover Boehm*

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This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<i>Shenandoah Co., Va.</i>	Birth	<i>3</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>1816</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Marr. by</i>
<i>Records; Bible of</i>	Chr'nd							<i>Hiram</i>
<i>John Samuel Boehm;</i>	Mar.	<i>4</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>1840</i>		"	"	<i>Myers,</i>
<i>Gravestone Inscript-</i>	Death	<i>20</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1893</i>	<i>Near Philippi, Barbours</i>		<i>W. Va.</i>	<i>Meth.</i>
<i>ions; Obit. of</i>	Burial				<i>Taylor's Drain Meth. Church Cemetary,</i>		" "	<i>Minister</i>
<i>Margaret Orndorff</i>	Places of Residence				<i>Va. and W. Va.</i>			
<i>Boehm; Records of</i>	Occupation	<i>Farmer</i>			Church Affiliation	<i>Methodist</i>		<i>Military Rec.</i>
<i>B. Earl Ryan,</i>	<small>Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.</small>							
<i>Maitland, Fla.;</i>	His Father	<i>Samuel Boehm</i>			Mother's Maiden Name <i>Anna Boehm</i>			

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Margaret A. Orndorff*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	<i>22</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>1816</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
Chr'nd							
Death	<i>25</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1903</i>	<i>Near Philippi, Barbours</i>		<i>W. Va.</i>	
Burial				<i>Taylor's Drain Meth. Church Cemetary,</i>		" "	
Places of Residence	<i>Va. and W. Va.</i>						
Occupation if other than Housewife							
Church Affiliation	<i>Methodist</i>						
Her Father	<i>John Orndorff</i>			Mother's Maiden Name <i>Elizabeth Peer</i>			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>John Samuel Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>1. Mary Isabella Peer</i> <i>2. Catherine J. Copeland</i>	Birth	<i>4</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1841</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.	<i>3</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1873</i>	<i>(2)</i>	"	"	
		Death	<i>13</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1921</i>		"	"	
		Burial							
2	<i>Henry Harrison Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Sarah Isabelle Mouser</i>	Birth	<i>27</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1843</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.	<i>4</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1866</i>		<i>Barbours</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
		Death	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1881</i>	<i>(Typhoid)</i>		"	"	
		Burial							
3	<i>Elizabeth Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Elam Kelley</i>	Birth	<i>5</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>1846</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	<i>Martha Virginia Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Jonas Nestor Kelley</i>	Birth	<i>24</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>1848</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	<i>Anna Mary Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>James Lewis Burbridge Kelley</i>	Birth	<i>8</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>1851</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.	<i>16</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1874</i>		<i>Barbours</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
		Death			<i>1901</i>		"	"	
		Burial							
6	<i>Louisa Catherine Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>George Camden Smith</i>	Birth	<i>10</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>1852</i>		<i>Shenandoah?</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.							
		Death			<i>1940</i>				
		Burial				<i>Kelley Family Cemetary,</i>	<i>Barbours</i>	"	
7	<i>Isabella Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>George L. Corder</i>	Birth	<i>24</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1857</i>		<i>Barbours</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	<i>Margaret Melissa Boehm</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Jacob Theodore Ryan</i>	Birth	<i>24</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1860</i>		<i>Barbours</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
		Mar.	<i>18</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1884</i>				
		Death	<i>5</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>1934</i>		<i>Randolph</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name *Henry Harrison Boehm*

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This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<i>Shenandoah Co., Va. Records; Gravestone Inscriptions; Barbours Co., W. Va. Court Records</i>	Birth	<i>27</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1843</i>		<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Died of typhoid</i>
	Chr'nd	<i>4</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1866</i>		<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
	Mar.	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1887</i>			<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
	Death							
	Burial	<i>Taylor's Drain Meth. Church Cemetary, " "</i>						
	Places of Residence	<i>Va. and W. Va.</i>						
	Occupation	<i>Farmer</i>						
	Church Affiliation	<i>Methodist</i>						
	Military Rec.							
	<small>Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.</small>							
	His Father	<i>Jacob Stover Boehm</i>			Mother's Maiden Name <i>Margaret A. Orndorff</i>			

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Sarah Isabelle Mouser*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	<i>Sep</i>	<i>1844</i>		<i>Rockingham</i>		<i>Va.</i>	
Chr'nd							
Death	<i>14</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>1906</i>	<i>Mansfield, Barbours</i>		<i>W. Va.</i>	
Burial	<i>Taylor's Drain Meth. Church Cemetary, " "</i>						
Places of Residence	<i>Va. and W. Va.</i>						
Occupation if other than Housewife							
Church Affiliation	<i>Methodist</i>						
<small>Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.</small>							
Her Father	<i>Jacob Mouser</i>			Mother's Maiden Name <i>Margaret Markwood</i>			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>Enoch Washington Boehm</i>	Birth	<i>15</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1867</i>		<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
	Full Name of Spouse* <i>1. Minnie Harris Harsh</i> <i>2. Abbie Lee</i>	Mar.	<i>1</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>1908</i>	<i>Philippi</i>	"	"	
		Death	<i>1</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>1947</i>	<i>Philippi, Barbours</i>		"	
		Burial							
2	<i>Viola Mae Boehm</i>	Birth	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1870</i>			<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
	Full Name of Spouse* <i>John Frye</i>	Mar.	<i>25</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>1890</i>		"	"	
		Death							
		Burial	<i>Ohio</i>						
3	<i>Anna Lea Boehm</i>	Birth		<i>1873</i>			<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
	Full Name of Spouse* <i>Stingley Francis Hoffma</i>	Mar.	<i>13</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>1913</i>		<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
		Death		<i>1951</i>		<i>Philippi</i>	"	"	
		Burial	<i>Masonic Cemetary, Philippi, " "</i>						
4	<i>Berkley Jacob Boehm</i>	Birth	<i>27</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>1875</i>		<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	<i>m2 1930</i>
	Full Name of Spouse* <i>1. Eva R. Huldeman</i> <i>2. Mary Ellen Kane</i>	Mar.	<i>14</i>	<i>Sep</i>	<i>1897</i>	<i>Philippi</i>	"	"	
		Death	<i>22</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>1972</i>	<i>Nella's Nursing Home, Randolph, "</i>			
		Burial	<i>Masonic Cemetary, Philippi, Barbours W. Va.</i>						
5	<i>Mary Margaret Boehm</i>	Birth	<i>3</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>1877</i>		<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
	Full Name of Spouse* <i>Henry Michael Ryan</i>	Mar.							
		Death	<i>21</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>1958</i>	<i>Philippi</i>	<i>Barbour</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	
		Burial	<i>Masonic Cemetary, Philippi, " "</i>						
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death	<i>* Berkley Jacob Boehm and Mary Ellen Kane Boehm are my parents</i>						
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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BETTY BOEHM MILLNER
523 HAZELWOOD COURT
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS 60025

November 16, 1978

Mrs. Camilla Berger
19702 Crestknoll Drive
Yorba Linda, Calif. 92686

Dear Camilla:

I am enclosing information from the records of Chester Co., Pa., proving that John, Lewis, and Philip Orndorff of Virginia were sons of Philip Arndorff who died in 1777. We had suspected they were brothers and it is wonderful to prove a probability now and then.

You may already have this information since Roy Orndorff also has it. The information doesn't prove Philip Arndorff of Chester Co. was Philip Heinrich Arndorff who arrived in America on 2 October 1753, however, Mrs. Cleta W. Smith, a descendant living in Silver Spring, Md., found this data and she was able to see the original will and compared the signature with Philip's of the "Edinburgh" and feels they are identical. So as follows:

Philip Heinrich Arndorff, b. c. 1715, d. 1777 in Chester Co., Pa.; probably married about 1740; came to America in 1753 at the age of 38; and died aged c. 62.

- Children:
1. John Arndorff, b. c. 1741-1745, d. 1798 Frederick Co., Va. probably married first about 1765 in Chester Co., Pa.
 2. Ludwig (Lewis) Arndorff, b. c. 1752
 3. Philip Arndorff Jr., b. c. 1761 in America, d. after 1830 in Frederick or Shenandoah Co., Va.
 4. Mary Arndorff, m. Cronomous or Heironymus Taylor
 5. Margaret Arndorff, ? may have married Henry Hinkins who died prior to 31 May 1777 in Chester Co., Pa.?
 6. Susannah Arndorff

It is only speculation about Margaret marrying Henry Hinkins. John Barclay Orndorff states in his booklet that he found a bond given by Margaret Hinkins, for administration of her deceased husband, Henry Hinkins. Lewis Arndorff was surety so it seems likely she may have been his sister, Margaret.

Very odd that John Barclay did not find the will of Philip Arndorff! His will was actually probated the same day as the bond by Margaret, providing that date is valid. I don't have book and page.

I sincerely hope your research is progressing well.

Sincerely,


523 Hazelwood Court
Glenview, Illinois 60025
January 24, 1979

Mrs. Camilla Berger
19702 Crestknoll Drive
Yorba Linda, California 92686

Dear Camilla:

I am sorry to hear that surgery was necessary in November, however, I sincerely hope your recovery was rapid and uneventful. Do hope you feel terrific by now. I understand because I had the same surgery in August of 1977.

I believe I only sent one page of information on Philip Arndorff as I had copies made of just one page. My aim was to put it together on one without omission and yet not accent what I think an extremely probable conclusion that may perturb some descendants of John Orndorff of Frederick Co., Va. I agree with you that John and Hannah were likely never married. One record calls her "Hannah Orndorff," however, this doesn't prove she was married to John. I consider it very important to record the truth, however, it isn't necessary to make an issue of it. And it is possible a marriage record may be found in future, although I really doubt it.

It may be that John and Hannah may not have been able to marry. We know there is evidence that Eva Barbara (John's wife) may have given John a valid reason for running away from her. In view of the fact that John's children by his first marriage joined him in Virginia, it is possible that Eva Barbara may have run away too and perhaps with another man. As you said, civil court records might shed further light on this marital dispute. They might even prove that John was granted custody of his children.

I wasn't aware that Tattler is Schneider in German. It certainly is significant whether Philip's son-in-law was a Taylor or a Saylor! I wouldn't be at all surprised to find that Philip's daughter married Hieronymous Schneider. It also may be that some Schneider families anglicized their names to Snyder and others to Taylor. A point I shall certainly keep in mind.

If the area where Philip Arndorff settled was not predominantly a German settlement, it is probable the Germans settlers may have anglicized their names more quickly. Daniel Bly thought it significant that Philip Arndorff signed his name so clearly and not in German Script. He thought it possible he might have been conversant in English when he arrived in 1753.

I thought that Philip Arndorff's daughter Margaret might have married Henry Hinkins (Henkenius?) who died about the same time Philip did. Or may have as this bit is from John Barclay Orndorff's booklet about John O. of Frederick Co. He says there is an administration bond by Margaret that was signed by Ludwig Arndorff. He said he found the inventory of Henry Hinkins estate and the administration bond is dated May 31, 1777. I still find it very odd that John Barclay didn't find Philip's will, etc. And maybe he did find more than he records and preferred to forget! It is odd though that Philip did not name Margaret's husband in his will since he named Taylor. Maybe the date of the administration bond is an error too. Or Margaret married Henry Hinkins or Henkenius after 17 Feb 1777, the date Philip wrote his will.

It just may be that Peter Henkenius who witnessed John O.'s will was his nephew and a son of Henry and Margaret Arndorff Henkenius. A Peter Henkenius and Johan Henrich Henkenius arrived in America on 26 Sept 1752 on the ship "Richard and Mary." Aboard this same ship is Nicolas Samm (or so Rupp records the name and I don't trust him at all). This Nicholas Samm may be the Nicholas Saum who settled in the Valley of Virginia. I am pretty sure that is what the data I have about Nicholas records but I don't have it handy tonight. Anyway, this indicates ties between Pa. and Va.

Peter Henkenius may have moved to Monongalia Co., Va. (now W. Va.). The 1820 Virginia Census Index records a Peter Henkins there in 1820 and I'll bet it is the same Peter. John Barclay Orndorff says in 1948 he and his wife visited his first cousin and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Orndorff. Barney's wife was Anna (Conklin) Orndorff and her mother was Delilah (Henkenius) Conklin, a direct descendant of Peter Henkenius. John Barclay also visited Miss Goldie Henkins of Pentress, W. Va. in 1948 and saw "Peter Henkenius Journal." In it, he states that he was born in Pikeland Township, Chester Co., Pa. and that he moved to Frederick Co., Va. in 1788. Well . . . I see Peter Henkins was in Monogalia Co. by 1870 and it may be he moved about 1799 because John Barclay says John O. Jr. purchased land from Peter Henkenius in 1799. Must get to Frederick Co. again and check the records carefully.

Unfortunately, I didn't have time to really check into Orndorff when in Virginia. Nor do I really have a great deal of information on John O. and his family. Roy O. gave me the names of his children and I was more interested in my Philip (Jr.) and his children. I sometimes think Roy O. has so much Orndorff information that it is difficult for him to send all the details. Plus, he was always a very busy man as his job was a demanding one. I have always been amazed that he always found time to answer one of my letters. And I did ask a great many questions! It is unfortunate that there have been so many problems since his retirement which have prevented him from devoting time to genealogy. He rarely touches on personal matters but he did tell me in his last letter that his sister-in-law had died after a long illness. I am deeply grateful to him for his kindness to me. He even sent a detailed map showing exactly where he thought my Boehms had lived prior to migrating to present W. Va. And told me about an old house that was torn down in the 1920's and that was known as the Boehm House! It may be that my great-uncle John Samuel Boehm lived in this house after he returned to Virginia about 1870 (he was the only member of the family who did) but it was still a long time after he moved to near Woodstock until the house was demolished. Amazing how old homes retain a family name! A rural custom that is still alive in some areas.

I am sorry that you haven't found Peter prior to 1771. 18 years is quite a gap! Why do you think he may have been in northern Pa. or N. J.? No doubt you are also looking for a marriage record for Peter because he likely married in America. Are you checking both German Reformed and Lutheran Church records? No doubt you know these two churches often shared a building and I think the ministers may have shared duties too. In view of the fact that the early ministers covered such a large circuit, I doubt every Lutheran waited for their minister to return and vice-versa.

What is your opinion of a relationship between Philip Arndorff and Peter and Conrad Orndorff? I wonder if the spelling of the name is really that significant? I am inclined to doubt it.

I really appreciate your comparison of the passengers on the Edinburgh. It makes me feel hopeful that we may be able to trace Philip, Peter, and Conrad across the sea to Germany. Daniel Bly recently traced Bley back

into the 1600's. I consider it an impossible task as far as my Mennonite ancestors are concerned (Boehm, Burner, Stauffer, Bowman), however, it is less difficult with Lutheran-German Reformed-Catholic.

Lastly, I suggested to both Roy O. and Daniel Bly that Elizabeth, wife of Philip Arndorff, may have been Elizabeth Mentz. The tradition might prove to be true but garbled. I doubt very much if John O. was married prior to Eva Barbara because his eldest son seems to have been born about 1765.

Again, I sincerely hope you are feeling fine now. If you are taking hormones, you should have no problems. I can't because I had a bout with cancer in 1969.

Mother Nature tried to bury the Chicago area under a great blanket of fluffy white crystals and failed. Now it would appear she is trying again! Snowing furiously again so the a. m. rush will likely become a trickle again. Tempers will likely be shorter this time. Last Monday Jim succeeded in driving our son back to Northern Ill. U. in DeKalb. After he returned, Chris called and said all classes had been cancelled for the week. The schools were all cancelled for the week in this area and looks as if we may have more of the same for the rest of this week. We envy you your climate!

Sincerely,



Indianapolis, Indiana
Dec. 27, 1975

Dear Mrs. Camilla A. Berger,
Your letter of Nov. 26, 1975 was finally forwarded to me here, where I have been visiting with relatives.

I do not have any of my father's books here, so I suggest you communicate with Mr. Roy L. Orndorff, 4624 - 23rd Rd. N. Arlington, Va. 22201. He can give you what my father was able to find. Also he can bring you up to date on his own latest research.

Your letter was most interesting. I too have heard a legend ---- just a faint inkling that our family has had some connection with Russian history but the possibility of sources to prove it have always seemed so remote.

New horizons are opening since the publication of my father's book. With your knowledge of the Md. Peter we may be able to clear up some of the confusion concerning the identity of the Johannes Peters. I am just as anxious as you are to discover the truth of our family heritage.

Please keep in touch with me at my base address in Washington, D. C. I'll be returning sometime in early Jan. 1976.

Sincerely yours,
Nara Lee Orndorff

The following information received from Daniel W. Bly, Harrisonburg, Va. by letter dated 9 July 1978.

BETTY BOEHM MILLNER
523 HAZELWOOD COURT
GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS 60025

18 July 1978

Will of PHILIP ARNDORFF, Chester Co., Pa. Will Book 6, page 261:
Will written 17 Feb 1777 and probated on 31 May 1777.

Philip Arndorff indentifies himself as a Tailor of Vincent Township, County of Chester, who is very sick of body. He names his wife, Elizabeth, who is also an executor unless she remarries. His children are listed as follows:

Beloved son, JOHN, to get 15 pounds and five shillings, to be paid in five years.

Beloved son, LEWIS, who is to also be an executor, 15 pounds. Anymore coming to him is to be paid in nine years.

Beloved son, PHILIP, fifteen pounds. He may also take up a trade at 16 years of age. Surplus of estate to be paid in eleven years.

Beloved daughter, MARY, wife of Cronomous (Heironymus)? Taylor.

Beloved daughter, MARGARET.

Beloved daughter, SUSANNAH.

Will signed in presence of Matthias Keely, James John, and David Thomas.

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The following records likely pertain to Philip Arndorff and Family:

1765 Tax List of Chester Co., Pa. - Philip Orndorff (Arndorff),
70 acres, 2 horses, 2 cows

1766 Tax List of Chester Co., Pa. - Philip Orndorff,
50 acres, 2 horses, 1 cow

(John Arndorff appears first in 1766 and John and Philip appear through 1774. The years between 1774 and 1779 are missing and no Arndorffs or Orndorffs appear after this date).

John Philip, son of John and Eva Barbara Arndorff, was baptized on 30 July 1769 in the East Vincent Reformed Church. He was born 23 March 1769.

Ludwig Brendorff (Arndorff), son of Philip, was confirmed in the same church at the age of 16 years. (Ludwig is German for Lewis).

Confirmed in 1768 * * * * *

At the time of his father's death, John Arndorff, seems to have been having marital problems and the following items appear in the PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE:

16 Apr 1777: "John Arndorff of Coventry twp will not pay debts contracted in the future by his wife Barbara Arndorff, who still continues her wicked ways."

23 Apr 1777: "John Ornduff, a country born Dutchman, has run away from his wife, Barbara of Coventry Town, Chester Co. and their children; he has taken with him a girl named Hannah Muckleweb."

By 1782/1783, John Arndorff, Philip Arndorff, and Lewis Arndorff had all appeared in the records of Frederick or Shenandoah Co., Va. Hannah Muckleweb is likely Hannah McIlwee, who was according to tradition the second wife of John Orndorff of Frederick Co., Va.

Will Book 6 - Page 261, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Microfilm #15-9, State Archives, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

PHILIP ARNDOFFS WILL

In the name of God Amen The Seventeenth day of February in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven. I Philip Arndoff of the Township of Vincent in the County of Chester the State of Pennsylvania Taylor, being very sick and weak in Body But of Sound and perfect mind and memory. Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is Appointed for all men once to Die, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all, I Commit my soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to Buried in A Christian like Decent manner and as to my Worldly Estate Wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me I Give Devise, and Dispose of the Same in form and manner following Impremis I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth One Cow of her own Choice, and my Bed and Beding together with one third part of my Clear Estate after my Funeral Charges and Just Debts are paid, Whom I Ordain and Constitute one of the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament But if in case my Said wife Elizabeth Shall Marry, then She is to Return two parts out of three of her part to be Equally Divided between my Children And to be no Longer an Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Also I Give and Bequeath to my beloved Son John Arndoff the sum of fifteen pounds five Shillings Current money of Pennsylvania together with the sixth part of the Remainder of my Clear Estate after my Wifes part is taken out, the said fifteen pounds and five Shillings to be paid to him in five Years from my Decease. Also I give and Bequeath to my beloved Son Lewis Arndoff whom I make Ordain and Constitute the Other Executor of this my Last Will and Testament the sum of fifteen pounds together with the sixth part of my Clear Estate. Also I Give and Bequeath to my Loving

Matthias Keely and James John and on their Solemn Oaths did Severally depose Declare and Say that they were personally present and did see & hear Philip Arndoff the Above Testator Sign Seal, Publish and Pronounce & Declare the Above Writing as and for his Last Will and Testament, and that at the Doing thereof he was of A Sound and Well Disposing mind & memory, to the Best of their Understanding

Sworn before -- T. Taylor Reg^r

Be it Remembered That on the 31st Day of May AD 1777 The Last Will and Testament of Philip Arndorff Deceased was proved in Due form of Law And Letters Testamentary was Granted to Elizabeth Arndorff And Lewis Arndorff Sole Executors therein named they being Solemnly Sworn Well and truly to Administer and Bring in an Inventory of the Deceaseds Estate into the Registers Office for Chester County on or before 31st Day of June Next, And to Render a Just and true Account of their Administration in A Year or when Legally Required Given Under the Seal of Said Office

Pr. T. Taylor Reg^r.

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David Thomas West-Town May the 31st AD 1777 Then Personally Appeared

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ORNDORFF FAMILY RESEARCH IN PENNSYLVANIA
by Cleta Smith

Historical Society of the Reformed Church
Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.
June 19, 1978:

The society does not have the original church record book for the Vincent Reformed Church in Chester Co., Pa. nor do they know its present location. They do have the following two translations:

Reformed Church Records - Vol. 3 - William J. Hinke - 1921-1925

Church Record of East Vincent Reformed Congregation, Chester Co., Pa.
1758-1833 Copied Dec. 1922 by Wm. J. Hinke

{Original} contains 368 pages, many of which are blank

Baptisms

1. By John Philip Leydich before his arrival - 25 baptisms
during his ministry 1753-1765 - 81 baptisms
2. By Nicholas Pomp, June 1767-July 1783 - 218 baptisms
3. By Frederick Daelliker, April 1784-Sept. 1798, 276 baptisms
(etc)

Marriages

By Frederick Daellicker, April 1784-May 1798 - 12 marriages
(etc)

Burials

1. By Frederick Daelliker, Sept. 1784-Oct. 1797 - 33 burials
(etc)

Catechumens

1. Of Nicholas Pomp, Pentecost 1767-June 1780, 136 catechmens
2. Of Frederick Daelliker, Oct. 1784-Nov. 1795 - (1261)catechumens
(etc) *? my error?*

→ Page 163 of vol 3, page 40 of translation, page 29 of original:
{handwritten}

1769

46. John Philip

John Brendorf
Eva Barbara

b. March 23
bap. July 30

(The following baptisms from June 1767 to July 1783 were entered
by Rev. Nicholas Pomp)

Page 236 of vol. 3, page 83 of translation, page 240 of original:
{Typewritten}

(Catechumens, confirmed by the Rev. Nicholas Pomp, 1767-1780)

The children who were confirmed on Pentecost in the year 1768 were
as follows

	(Age)	(Parent)
Ludwig Brendorf	16	Philip Brendorf

The other translation is the same one that is in the DAR Library in Washington, DC and is by the Rev. L. Kryder Evans and Isaiah Rapp.

Page 14 of translation, page 29 of original

1769

Johann Phillip of Johannes Brandant and Fita Barbara
Born Mar. 23; Bap. July 30

Page 93 of translation, page 235 or 240 of the original

List of Confirmations by Rev. John Phillip Leydich, 1768 about Whitsuntide

Ludwig Brandas

Age
16

Parent
Philip Brandays

There was another book at the historical society entitled History of the East Vincent Church Evangelical and Reformed, East Vincent Township, Chester County, Pa. by Anna M. Funk, 1956 with this information:

Also in 1758 the Rev. Leydich started the first record book of the Church. It is still in existence and in fairly good condition. A copy of the book is in the State Archives at Harrisburg, Pa. and another copy was given to the congregation by the State Archivist. From that date the records of the church are continuous.

Dr. Anstaett, the librarian of the Reformed Historical Society, could not find any other Brownback Church record for me except this one which contained 11 typewritten pages and some letters written in 1913 and bound into the book that were written by Hinke and I believe Brumbaugh concerning the then unknown location of the original record:

Church Record of the Coventry Reformed Church Now Brownback's in Coventry Township, Chester County 1743-1831

"pp 37-43 contain 24 baptisms from May 1767 to May 1769

pp 45-71 contain 103 baptisms from 1770-1783

The heads of families bringing children to be baptized during this period are as follows:

John Arndorf"

[complete entries not given]

According to the Chester County Area Key, the Mormons filmed the records of the Brownback Church, 1722-1786, owned by the Chester County Historical Society, which are handwritten in English and German.

To further research the Orndorff family in Pa. I now had to make the decision to travel either to the State Archives in Harrisburg or to the courthouse and historical society in West Chester--our schedule did not permit both. The next day at the Mennonite Historical Society I learned that the Chester County Historical Society was closed for extensive renovation and that their records were in storage. That, and my desire to examine some Philadelphia County records on my Wilkin line determined my decision to go to Harrisburg.

State Archives, Harrisburg, Pa.
June 21, 1978

Expectations: Original record of the East Vincent Reformed Church
Philip Arndorff's 1777 will according to DAR index
Philip and John Orndorff's deeds according to tax lists

The State Archives does not have any record of the East Vincent Reformed Church, either the original, the translation nor a microfilmed version. Two different employees checked every possibility but found nothing and could not imagine what kind of copy they would have ever made for the church other than microfilm. This was a disappointment but proves everything in print is not necessarily true, or else the archives employees are inefficient.

Found Philip Arndorff's microfilmed will with no problem, but upon asking for a photocopy was told that as it was a film of county-owned records the archives was not permitted to make copies. Copied the entire will by hand. I believe this Philip to be the father of John Orndorff who died in Frederick Co., Va. in 1798.

Next, consulted the deed indexes for the grantee, grantor, miscellaneous and the sheriff's deeds with both the "A" and the "O" spelling of Orndorff for Philip, John and Lewis with absolutely no results. According to the published Pennsylvania Archives both Philip and John Orndorff owned land in Chester County for a number of years yet there are no deeds for its purchase or sale and apparently Philip owned no real estate in 1777 when he died, according to his will.

Could Philip and John have obtained warrants for land, lived on it, but not have received Penn grants simply because Philip died and John moved out of the area before they could qualify? If this is true then the Land Office would have a record. Last June I checked through the indexes there for the southeastern Pa. county surveys and while I recorded warrants for Herman and Christian Orndorff in Lancaster Co. I probably did not check the Orndorffs in Chester Co. simply because I was not aware there were any there. Don't believe the Chester Co. surveys are listed in the published Pa. Archives as they are for some of the other counties. The warrant indexes for Herman and Christian Orndorff (which see) indicate they entered upon land for which they did not obtain grants except in one instance. These show what information might be ^{in the records} for Philip and John and an examination of the actual surveys and grants if any exist would be very worthwhile.

At the State Archives I checked the Orphan's Court Index for "A" and "O" spelling of the name Orndorff. Did not check the tax records because they were not indexed and I was running out of time. Researched from 8:30 until 4:45.

In May, at the DAR Library in Washington, I searched the History of Zion's or Old Organ Church, East Pikeland Township, Chester Co., Pa. with baptisms beginning in 1760 but found no Orndorffs. At the same time I searched the church record of St. Peter's Reformed Congregation, Pikeland Township, Chester Co., Pa. and learned no records of the congregation of the period previous to the year 1811 are known to exist. This was also confirmed at the Historical Society of the Reformed Church at P&M, Lancaster, Pa.

10903 Cavalier Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901
August 3, 1978

Mrs. Camilla Berger
19702 Crestknoll Drive
Yorba Linda, California 92686

Dear Camilla,

Roy Orndorff told me you might write, and I want to thank you for your two letters containing so much Orndorff material. Until I spied the Pennsylvania Gazette article in the NGSQ concerning my ancestor, John Orndorff, and his marital problems, I had done practically nothing on that family. As of now, I know 44 of my ancestral surnames, all proven except four. Most came to Shenandoah County, Virginia and once there did not leave to go further west. During the last two years I've applied most of my research efforts to learning their whereabouts in Pennsylvania before they became Virginians with amazingly good results. The Lutheran and Reform families are fairly easy, but the Mennonites prove to be a bit more difficult. As soon as I get them all "back to the boat" I want to attempt the European church records as you are doing. The problem here in the east with using the LDS films is the long wait--six to eight weeks.

The account of my first Orndorff research trip to Pennsylvania, which apparently Roy Orndorff sent on to you, along with the enclosed results of the second trip, will bring you up-to-date on what I've done on that family thus far. As for the family structure for each of John Orndorff's 17 children--I just haven't had time to tackle that as yet. Roy is probably better prepared to write up Philip Henry Orndorff's family for your book than I. Frankly, John Orndorff was never one of my favorite ancestors even before the 1777 episode came to light as he didn't fall into the general concept of a typical, thrifty, industrious, self-sufficient, land-owning German. John had more of the characteristics associated with the few of my ancestors who were Scotch-Irish. But I suppose it takes all kinds of ancestors to make a descendant so I'll claim him and try to learn all I can about the family. Roy agrees with me that it would be kinder not to share our latest Orndorff findings with Miss Nora Lee Orndorff as she is getting on in years. He is certainly a fine gentleman.

In October, my husband (who plays golf while I research) and I will be in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania for a week. While there I hope to spend several days at the Reformed Church Historical Society looking through the oldest entries in their many church records for the whole state. I'll go back and copy those Ernstdorff baptisms from the First Reformed Church of Philadelphia that I skipped the last time and also will keep a watchful eye for anything else pertaining to the Orndorff family.

With knowing practically nothing on the early Orndorff families I really shouldn't offer an opinion but seems to me Herman and Anna Margart (Weschenberger) Orndorff, who had a child born in 1739, and were still living in 1750 when she, Anna Margaret, was a sponsor for one of Henry Ernstdorff's children, would have also had other children born to them in the interim. Do you have proof that the Herman who was married to a Catharine when he died in 1778, with minor children, was Herman Orndorff the first? Or if so, did he not also have older children by his first wife, still living but not named in this source because they were not minors? Who was the Anna Margaretha Ohrendurf who was married on 23 Oct. 1742 to John Herman Eckel by John Casper Stoeber? A man by this same name came on the same ship as Christian Orndorff in 1741.

Years ago I bought the book, Ancestry and Descendants of the Nassau-Siegen Immigrants To Virginia, 1714-1750, by B.C. Holtzclaw, because I descend from the Catharine Brumbach and Christopher Windle mentioned therein. Since receiving your letter I've scanned through it and noted at least 42 families who had at least one male member named Herman or Harman. Believe this must be unique just to that particular area as I've never noticed that name in the many other German families I've worked with. Tillman was also a popular Christian name there.

Perhaps you are familiar with this book, but if not I'll note a few of the items that caught my eye. On page 12 are the names of several families who left Freudenberg in Nassau-Siegen in 1738 to settle in Georgia, but went on up to Pa., among whom were Henry Ernstorff, wife Anna Cathrin and three children. Is this the same family appearing in the Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa. records? On page 226 is reference of Maria Margreth Holzklau (dau. of John Ludwig Holzklaw and Margreth Conrad) born ca. 1716, m. 1734 Johann Henrich Ohrndorff of Klafeld. On page 365 is "The Freudenberg church books show that Johannes Henrich Hoffman, son of Johann Henrich Hoffmann of Bockseifen, m. (1) May 7, 1700 Margarethe Baeumer, daughter of Matthias Baeumer of Orndorf." It goes on to say his son, Matthias Hoffman, came to Philadelphia Oct. 8, 1737 on ship "Nancy", which is the same ship Hermanus & Anna Marga. Orndorff and George Mentz and family came on. On pages 377, 378 etc. is an account of the early Kemper (Camper) family who lived at Ernsdorf. From this we know there were towns named Orndorf and Ernsdorf there which may be the sources of the Orndorff and Ernsdorff families of America.

Disregarding the German records you have searched from the LDS microfilms were there any printed German church or emigration lists you searched in a library? Now that we have our subway I can get to the Library of Congress safely and would appreciate any helpful references. From Mill Wheel to Plow Share is at the DAR Library, but their xerox machine was broken the last time I was there and I didn't take notes. Will try again soon. That Chester Co. Will Index containing reference to Philip Arndorff's will was also at the DAR Library.

With your different Orndorff lines I can readily understand why you are most interested in that family and why you want to publish a book. Keep looking-- something is bound to turn up that will cause them to fall into their proper places. Will keep you informed of anything I might come across that could aid you. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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ARNDORFF RESEARCH IN CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA by Cleta Smith

July 16, 1978

By consulting the phone book, we located the East Vincent United Church of Christ (formerly Reformed), northwest of Phoenixville, Pa. on Hill Church Road very near where it intersects with Ridge Road (Rt 23). The St. Vincent UCC is around the corner from the aforementioned church on Rt 23. Young Pastor David Miller has both churches, each consisting of about 200 parishioners. Although he had been there only three weeks, he found the old church book for the East Vincent Church, which he didn't know he had but luckily the caretaker did.

There was also a book containing a translation made in 1948 by Edna Albert. Immediately turned to page 29 and there was:

March 23, 1769 born	Son of
July 30, baptized	Johannes Arendorff
Johann Phillip	Eva Barbara

Page 235 containing confirmations of 1768:

Ludwig Arendorff	16	Phillip Arendorff
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Then opened the original book to those same pages and found that the Rev. Nicholas Pomp's capital "A" was made in what was supposed to have been the German "A" which should have looked like this: "A" but deviated somewhat, as you can see by my hastily made and not too exacting tracings which are attached.

As this was a Sunday afternoon and the pastor was kind enough to leave his company at the parsonage and go to the church with us, I didn't have the time to thoroughly examine the translation as I would have wished. I suppose this is the copy of the church record that Anna M. Funk, in her history of the church, said the State Archives made for the church. Only, I wonder if she didn't mean the historical society instead as the State Archives doesn't seem to have it. There was an opening statement made by the translator which probably indicated where the other copy is, but in my haste I neglected to read it.

We located the Brownback UCC further west on Ridge Road (Rt 23) but in East Coventry Township. Looked at the oldest tombstones in these church cemeteries, but found no Arndorffs. Really didn't expect to as they all left there shortly after 1777. Neither were there any in the phone book. There were nine McIllyee names listed--mostly in Boyertown. No Mentz, but one Sam Mintz, Puppy Prince, in Plymouth Meeting Mall, Lansdale.

At the Chester Co., Pa. Courthouse in West Chester, the next day, I searched the typed, simple alphabetic system grantor and grantee indices thoroughly once more just to make certain I had not overlooked a reference to the buying or selling of any Arndorff land. There was nothing. Searched the A, E, and O spelling of the name through the Will & Administration Index and the two indices for the Orphan's Court records. The only item found was the will of our Philip Arndorff which I had copied from the microfilmed recorded will in Harrisburg in June. Asked for his file #3081, which contained his original will and inventory.

Upon learning that photo copies were \$1.00 a page and I wanted copies of material on one of my other families, I got only a copy of the two-paged will and copied the inventory, which was three pages, by hand, my old thrifty German blood rebelling at the high cost. Wish now that I had the photo copy because then we would have an exact prime source to prove Philip Arndorff did own real estate. The last item in the list is "The Plantation or Improvement 360 - -." His inventory also lists "Taylors Tools" that substantiates his designated occupation, "Taylor," in his will. Perhaps the "to one pair of Taylor Shears 0 8/3" bought by Philip Orndorff at the sale of John Orndorff's estate in Frederick Co., Va. on January 14, 1799, is a part of these "Taylors Tools."

In reading the original will I note that the name of Philip Arndorff's son-in-law is Cronomus Saylor not Taylor as I had copied it from the microfilmed recorded copy. Did I read it incorrectly or did the recorder error? This is why it is so very important to get to the original if at all possible because each recopy increases the chances of errors.

The most important revelation of this original will is the signature of Philip Arndorff. Except for the absence of the curlicue on top of his capital "A" believe it to be exactly the same as the signature of Philip Henrich Arndorff on the original 2 October 1753 passenger list as reproduced in John Barclay Orndorff's, John Orndorff Pennsylvania Pioneer And His Ancestors. This signature will also be reproduced on List 211B and 211C of Strassburger & Hinke's, Pennsylvania Pioneers, Volume ~~III~~, *II of original* although I have not obtained a copy of that source as yet.

By German custom Philip Henrich Arndorff should have used the name Henry Arndorff rather than Philip Arndorff but he didn't. Also, except for possibly the capital "H" in his passenger list signature, he did not fashion any of the letters of the alphabet in the old German script; yet, both Johann Conrad and Johannes Peter Orndorff did use the old German script. It appears these men did not learn to write in the same school, home or wherever. Mrs. Camilla Berger, who has done extensive research on all early Orndorffs can find no connection between our Philip Henry Arndorff and his shipmates, Conrad and Peter Orndorff thus far.

At the Prothonotary Office, upon telling an employee the nature of my search, I was directed to the dusty, cluttered (with old records) basement, and told anything pertaining to a divorce would be recorded in the Appearance Books. Each of these books was dated on the cover and contained a very neat and legible index in the front. I checked the years approximately 1770 through 1790 but found nothing. Also checked the books containing the Court of Common Pleas records, but nothing.

Went back to Deeds with my proof of land ownership for Philip Arndorff and asked why there were no deeds pertaining to him or John. The explanation I received was that they probably did not bother to have their deeds recorded as they weren't compelled to legally.

Checked the name MCILWEE through all the various indices, but found none. Also checked MENTZ. File #3099 contained the estate papers of a Christopher Mentz of Pikeland Township who died intestate. His wife, Barbara Mentz, and Peter Shuman were the administrators who entered into a bond with John Clinger and George Irigh, all of Pikeland Township, for 1000 pounds on 16 Feb. 1778. An inventory of his personal estate worth 406-19-6 was made on 20 Feb. 1778 by Peter Miller and Henry Aiker. On 1 May 1779, John Snider and Cunrad Carl appraised his improvement in Pikeland Township containing 150 acres with its "apartenances" for 1600 pounds. A total of

257 pounds 6 shillings ^{was} ~~were~~ either paid out or owing to 22 named creditors for various sums but reasons not given which when deducted from his total worth of 2414-18-6 left 2157 pounds 12 shillings and 6 pence. Could find no deed for him.

There was a deed recorded in Deed Book I₂ page 481 for a Benedict Menz-Mentz and Katharine, his wife, of Coventry Township, selling 51 acres in said township to Jacob Haws on 7 Feb. 1786. He had made the purchase on 1 Oct 1783 from Rutter & Potts. The land joined land of Jacob Davishizen and land late of Widow Hinkins.

The films I ordered of the Brownback Reformed Church records from Utah should arrive at the Silver Spring L. D. S. Library in mid-August. From other references we believe they should contain at least one baptism of our John Orndorff's children. Believe we should check the local church records for all Mentz entries as there is a family tradition that our John Orndorff's first wife was a Mentz. The existing St Peters Reformed Church records begin in 1811, but wonder if the older St Peters Lutheran Church records are available? As this church is in East Pikeland Township and our John Arndorff once contributed money to it, and Christopher and Barbara Mentz once lived in said township perhaps these Lutheran church records might tell much. The Chester County Historical Society is now our best bet but a visit there will have to wait because they will not reopen until the beginning of 1979.

Tracings from original records of St. Vincent Reformed
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FAMILY GROUP No.

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This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
<i>Records of Roy L. Orndorff, Arlington, Va.; Will of John Orndorff; Frederick & Shenandoah County Records</i>	Birth							
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.							
	Death			<i>1798</i>		<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Va.</i>	
	Burial							

Places of Residence	Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.
		<i>Lutheran?</i>	
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	His Father	Mother's Maiden Name	

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Elizabeth Mentz*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler	Places of Residence	Occupation if other than Housewife	Church Affiliation
<i>Millner</i>			
Address <i>523 Hazelwood Ct</i>	Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.		
City, State <i>Glenview, Ill.</i>	Her Father	Mother's Maiden Name	
Date <i>20 Jan 1977</i>			

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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>John Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Margaret Renner</i>	Birth			<i>c1765</i>			<i>Pa.</i>	<i>Marr. by</i>
		Mar.	<i>5 Jun</i>	<i>1792</i>		<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Alex.</i>	
		Death			<i>1853</i>			<i>Balmain</i>	
		Burial							
2	<i>William Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Elizabeth Cooper</i>	Birth							<i>Marr. by</i>
		Mar.	<i>26 Sep</i>	<i>1807</i>				<i>Christian</i>	
		Death			<i>c1827</i>			<i>Streit,</i>	
		Burial						<i>Lutheran</i>	
3	<i>Philip Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Eleanor Williams</i>	Birth							<i>Marr. by</i>
		Mar.	<i>29 Sep</i>	<i>1795</i>		<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Christian</i>	
		Death			<i>1818</i>			<i>Streit</i>	
		Burial							
4	<i>Elizabeth Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Henry Brill</i>	Birth			<i>c1777</i>				<i>Marr. by</i>
		Mar.	<i>12 Nov</i>	<i>1796</i>		<i>Frederick</i>	<i>Va.</i>	<i>Christian</i>	
		Death			<i>1867</i>	<i>Hampshire</i>	<i>W. Va.</i>	<i>Streit</i>	
		Burial							
5	<i>Jonathan Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			<i>1770</i>				
		Mar.							
		Death			<i>1859</i>	<i>Delaware</i>	<i>Ohio</i>		
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name *John Orndorff*

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth							May have
	Chr'nd							been in
	Mar.							Va. by
	Death			1798	Frederick		Va.	1777
	Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation _____ **Church Affiliation** *Lutheran?* **Military Rec.** _____

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. *(1) Elizabeth Mentz*
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father _____ **Mother's Maiden Name** _____

Wife's Full Maiden Name *Hannah MacIlwee*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Betty Boehm

Compiler *Millner*

Places of Residence

Address *523 Hazelwood Ct* **Occupation if other than Housewife** _____

Church Affiliation _____

City, State *Glenview, Ill.* **Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.** _____
 Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date *20 Jan 1977* **Her Father** _____ **Mother's Maiden Name** _____

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>Samuel Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	<i>Benjamin Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	<i>Levi Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			c1797				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	<i>David Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1789				
		Mar.							
		Death			After 1871				
		Burial							
5	<i>Anne Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	<i>Joshua Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	<i>Rebecca Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			c1789				Marr. by
		Mar.	20	Jun	1808	Frederick		Va.	James Walls
	<i>John Racey</i>	Death							
		Burial							
8	<i>Israel Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							Served
		Mar.							War of
	<i>Mary</i>	Death			1814				1812
		Burial							
9	<i>Jesse Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			c1780				
		Mar.							
		Death			1815				
		Burial							
10	<i>Phineas Orndorff</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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11. Isaac Orndorff

b.
m.
d.

12. Eleanor Orndorff

b.
m.
d.

NORALEE ORNDORFF
3000 CONN AVE. NW.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
20008

May 15, 1978

Dear Mrs. Berger,

Enclosed is a copy of Cemetery Records of Greene Co. Pa. which may be of interest to you in the compilation of your Orndorff History. See pp 98-99, and 117.

Will not write more now as I expect to see you when you come to Washington, D.C.

Our Spring has been one of the latest I've ever experienced here, but now it is Heavenly.

Most sincerely,
Nora Lee Orndorff

CEMETERY RECORDS OF GREENE COUNTY, PA. by Dorothy T. Hennen

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ORNDUFF CEMETERY - on Harold Dulaney farm - Franklin Twp.

ORNDUFF, FLORA ESTELLA d. 5-4-1882, aged 3yr 10mo 19da
WILLIAM d. 5-20-1887, aged 84yrs
MARY, his wife d. 7-2-1880, aged 81yr 2mo 29da
MARY J. d. 8-18-1855, aged 4yr 10mo 11da
WILLIAM d. 8-9-1855, aged 2yr 1mo 3da
two children of P. & E. Ornduff
ORNDORF, JOHN WINFIELD d. 10-25-1865, aged 9yr 9mo 22da
son of Pheneas & Elizabeth Orndorf

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MT. ZION CEMETERY-Bluff

Jackson Twp.

ORNDOFF, CHARLES S. b. 11-17-1873 d. 10-21-1957
ETTA HUFFMAN b. 12-18-1870 d. 10-10-1921
JESSE M. "Father" 1873 - 1960
IDA E. "Mother" 1877 - 1951
OLIVE E. 1903 - 1915

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BLACKSVILLE CEMETERY

Wayne Twp.

ORNDOFF, CHRISTY LOU 1949

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EAKIN CEMETERY-Jollytown - Gilmore Twp.

ORNDUFF, LYDIA b. 12-27-1837 d. 11-24-1896

wife of Jesse Ornduff

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PINE BANK CEMETERY - Pine Bank - Gilmore Twp.

ORNDOFF, ORAN A. 1899 - 1965

EVA V., his wife 1896 -

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PURSLEY CEMETERY - near Oak Forest - Wayne Twp.

ORNDOFF, WILLIAM d. 1-15-1885, aged 84yr 2mo 25da

SALOME d. 10-6-1884, aged 76yr 5mo 20da

ORNDORFF, CHARLES d. 12-29-1871, aged 19das

son of John & Minerva Orndorff

Nora Lee Orndorff

1(612) 555-1212

Jesse from W. Va

1753

1753

Hepper

Jesse B Ombroff

No 22 1872 - Ja 1971

71808

John Orr
Charity Donnelly

ment separately
John William Orr

b. 1819 - Sp 5/1868

Mona Brown

Box 1711

Jewell Falls L. Va

w

William R.
West Va
Pine Grove
Pocahontas Co.

or John W Ombroff Mary A Conard
William R Ombroff

Wm

Capt Tarey 0653

in Meigs Va

Rennison

Orr

S W. Va

Philip

Sandusky Co Ohio

1820 For List

Harris Twp

John Fletcher

1860 Mortality Schedule

Huron Co Ohio

Clara Fletcher 69 b NY. d Ap

Diarrhea Wakarusa Twp

~~James~~ Perry Co Ohio ML

1818-30

James Harden Elizabeth Orndorff
7 Dec 1820 by Edward Adams JP

Joseph Harden Katy Orndorff
10 Jan 1822 by Joshua Brown JP

Ohio Records + Pioneer Families

Joyceyers 1806

Richland Twp.

Fairfield Co Ohio

Henry Orendors

also

B. Anspach

John Anspach

Medina Co. Ohio Mar Rec

1824

David Barnhart & Salena Fletcher

Corroll Co. Ohio Families

John Sinefrock b. Pa m. Eliz

Harple born in Germ here at

1823 & John b Lancaster Pa 1821

Coshocton Co Ohio Cen OR PF

VIII #2

Orendorf Harriet 1842 ae? wife of John

Or — Mary 1845 ae 2m.

History Medicine Co Ohio 1948

By 1828

Methodist

Congregationalist

Hunchley Ridge Cemetery

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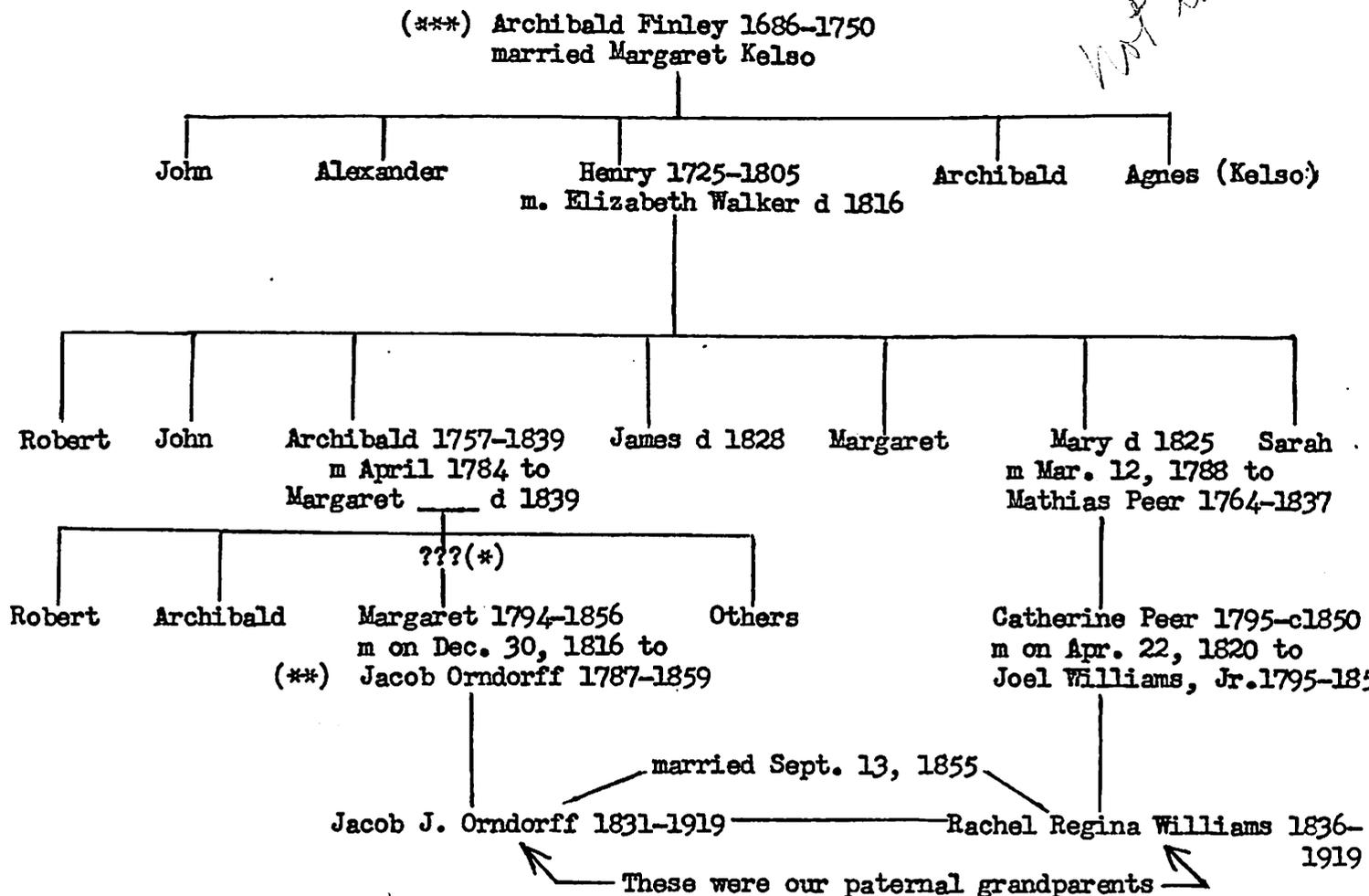
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Records & Marriage Bonds
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Marriage Bonds - Lebanon, Wilson
Co Tennessee

NAME	T. EST.	SURETY
Joseph Orondoff	H. L.	Joseph Orondoff
Nelly Harlan	Douglas	Tom Bradley
Feb 7,	1811	

Not listed



(*) The parentage of Margaret Finley 1794-1856 has not been documented. There is proof that she was a niece of James d 1828, but we arrive at Archibald as her father by a process of elimination.

(**) Jacob Orndorff 1787-1859 was a grandson of Philip Henrich Arndorff 1715-1777, a tailor, who came to America in 1753 and settled and died in Chester County, Pa. His sons, John, Lewis and Philip (father of Jacob 1787-1859), removed to the Shenandoah-Frederick County area of Virginia in or soon after 1777. John and Philip founded large families and some of their descendants still live there. Lewis and his family disappeared from that area in the mid-1790's, possibly relocating in Washington County, Virginia.

(***) Archibald Finley 1686-1750 was "Scotch-Irish". He and his brother Michael and their families came to America in 1734 from County Armagh, Northern Ireland, and settled in Bucks and Chester Counties, Penna. Their father Robert 1634-1712 had migrated to Armagh before 1680 from Fifeshire, Scotland.

Philip Henrich Arndorff 1715-1777
Married Elizabeth _____
To America 1753

See Note A below

John Orndorff c 1744-1798

m. 1. Eva Barbara
2. Hannah MacIlwee

Philip Orndorff c1761-c1838

m. Elizabeth Seabert dau of
Jacob and Mary Seabert on
October 15, 1782

John c1765-1853

William d. 1827 b. c.1772

Philip d. 1818 b. c.1769

Elizabeth d. 1857 (Brill)

Jonathan 1770-1859

Samuel c.1777-1841

Benjamin c 1780-1861

Levi 1791-1869

David 1789-1873

Anne(Reid) c 1784 -

b c1774 Joshua-Probably belongs in

Rebecca(Racy) 1789-

Israel c 1782- 1815

Jesse c 1777-1816

Phineas 1793-c1838

Isaac 1797-1866

Eleanor c1795-

Jacob 1787-1859

Philip 1792-1880

Lewis 1798-1854

Samuel 1802-1858

John 1790-after 1870

NOTE
Some information is
available on nearly
all of these child-
ren of the settlers,
John and Philip.

(Sept 26, 1801)

Married Elizabeth Cooper

John
Joseph
Christina
Ellen

(Jan. 26, 1830)

James married Mahala

Catherine(Lemley)

Harrison

? David ?

(Not listed in
brother James'
"Bible" record)

William -Unmarried died Civil War

Morgan " " " "

Mary (Heath)

Fannie Unmarried

Isabel (Saylor)

Jemimah (Wands-Sine)

Elizabeth (Sine)

Mahala 1848-1919

(Jan. 18, 1866)

Married Martin V. Snyder 1841-1896

1868-1957

William

Laura (Nov. 24, 1886)

Laura Snyder married Jos.

James

Harry

Grover

Sudie

Mayme

Fannie

Harrison

Jonah

Roxena

Elizabeth

Mahala d. 1848

and others

Married Isabella Racey

(Dec. 30, 1816)

Married Margaret Finley

1794-1856

Philip

Addison

Jacob 1831-1919

Mary

Elizabeth

Jane

(Sept. 13, 1855)

Married Rachel Williams 1836-

1919

Early

Philip

Joseph 1861-1903

Katherine

Laura

Charlotte

Elizabeth

Clara

Lucas

Naomi 1890- 1897

Irene 1893- 1963

Joseph W. 1896-1965

Rachel

J. Martin 1902-

Roy L. 1904-

Frances Elizabeth (Bess)

1979

1972

Note A: In addition to sons John and Philip, Philip Henrich Arndorff had a son named Lewis who was living in Chester County, Pa., in 1777 but, between that date and 1782, had moved with his brothers to Frederick County, Va. He appeared on the Fredrick taxrolls through 1798 but not in any later years. Then in 1799, a Lewis Orndorff was listed on the Washington County, Va., tax rolls where he founded a family whose descendants still live there. We don't know if this was the same Lewis Orndorff who disappeared from Fredrick County but think this is probable. Philip Henrich Arndorff also had three daughters: Mary (Saylor), Susannah and Margaret (?Hinkins or Henkenius?).

Mrs John Neely
1140 Butte Lane
Engle, Oregon 97401

June 7, 1977

Dear Doris:

So you got trapped by the duplication of names in the Orndorff family - as many of us have been. I'd be interested in knowing what sources of family information you have that would guide you to this distinction between the two Benjamin F. Orndorffs.

Anyway, here are some items about Isaac, son of John Orndorff No 1 and his second wife, Hannah McIlwee, and his family:

Our first reference to Isaac is in the will of his father John No.1, where his name is the last one listed. Then, in the records of administration of his father's affairs, he is again the last mentioned child so it seems probable that he was the youngest and might have been born ca. 1797 (See 1850 Census).

On October 21, 1852, Isaac, who said he was a resident of Pocahontas County (now West Virginia), made an affidavit on behalf of the widow of his brother, Phineas, who was applying for a land grant on the basis of her husband's service in the War of 1812. Isaac said he was 17 when his brother returned from service, probably in 1814 or 1815.

In the 1830 Census, Isaac is found in Pendleton County in a family consisting of males 2 under 5, 1 @ 10 to 15, 1 @ 20 to 30, and 1 @ 60 to 70; and females 1 under 5, and 1 @ 30 to 40.

In the 1840 Census, he was in Pocahontas County and the family consisted of males 1 under 5, 2 @ 10 to 16, and 1 @ 30 to 40; and females 1 under 5, 2 @ 5 to 10, 1 @ 10 to 16, and 1 @ 40 to 50.

In the 1850 Census, the family was enumerated in Pocahontas County as:

Isaac Orndorff	53	Also in this Census, in the same county, there was ^{Mary} Orndorff 20 in the family of Frances Arbogast.
Rebecca	50	
Benjamin	16	
Catharine	11	

I didn't find Isaac in the 1860 Census, but Rebecca H. Orndorff was counted in the family of John Slater (or Slaton) at Traveller's Repose in Pocahontas County. There was a marriage license to John Staton and Mariam Orandof issued on December 28, 1850. Also, in the same Census and County, there was a listing for a family consisting of William R, Orndorff 42, Mary A. 24, Oscar L. 4, and Margaret A. 2. This William, I believe, is the only Orndorff who served in the U. S. Army in the Mexican War. He was in Co. A, 1st Tennessee Mounted Infantry, a farrier and blacksmith.

The maiden name of Isaac's wife, Rebecca ^(Lowery), hasn't been found and neither has a record of their marriage. One source - Mrs. Leist to Col. Asher - reports there were eleven children: Margaret, James, Rachael, Sarah, John Wesley, Mary A., Benjamin, Phineas, Susan R., William Lacey (William R. above - I suspect the "Lacey" might have been a nickname) and one other. (See Catharine above ? ?).

It is no surprise to find descendants of Isaac Orndorff, i. e., Benjamin F., in Nebraska. In Morton's history of Highland County, Virginia, there is a mention of Samuel Brantner and his wife Sarah (Orndorff) who, with their family, moved to Nebraska in 1868. The Illinois directories list Sarah J. O. Brantner as living in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, probably as of the 1880's, and identify her as a daughter of Isaac. Several of her children are shown in Nebraska and her brother, Benjamin F. Orndorff, is placed in Raville, Neb. Her brother, John W. Orndorff, is listed in Holt County, Missouri. The same source, edition of 1896, lists Mrs. Marietta & Nelson Eliss at Petersburg, Neb., which is in Boone County close to Raville.

Here are some names of people with whom I have talked or corresponded concerning the Isaac Orndorff line:

Lt. Col. Jerry Asher, 403 Avenida Victoria San Clemente, Cal. 92672
Jerry is descended from an Elijah Orndorff who was born in November 1815 and, in 1833, went with a train of 32 wagons from Hillsboro (Pocahontas County) through Kentucky and settled at Oaktown, Knox County, Indiana. He prospered there, raised a family and died there in 1889. We have thought that Elijah, coming from Pocahontas County, must have been a member of Isaac's family but we have not been able to establish proof of this. Interestingly, several of the children of Philip and Eleanor Orndorff (Isaac's brother) migrated to the same area of Knox County in the 1830's and later. Also, in the 1840 Census of that county, along with Elijah, there was a family head named Madison Orndorff whom we have not been able to identify. Jerry took a scouting trip through the Pocahontas County area in 1974 and talked with some of the Orndorff descendants. One of these, to whom he talked on the phone, was Mrs. Marie Leist, 909 Pocahontas Avenue, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970, who seemed to have considerable knowledge of the family. However, she did not respond to a letter which I sent her and I believe Jerry had similar luck. Her line is Isaac - William Lacey - Jesse.

Mr. Theron D. Elder, 3156 N. W. 25th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107
Mr. Elder has done a great deal of research on the Isaac Orndorff line in tracing the ancestry of his wife who is the granddaughter of Isaac's son, John Wesley Orndorff (of Holt County, Missouri - see above).

I know you are now aware of the problem of name duplication but perhaps you should know that the Isaacs present a real one. There were at least two or three nephews of the Isaac who bore the same name and who were very close to him in age plus others whose identity is not clear.

Please let me know if you think I can help with any questions.

Sincerely,

~~Add =~~ Mrs. Marietta Woodworth
NW —

4624 23rd Road, N.
Arlington, Va. 22207
December 10, 1979

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Thanks for your double letters. You covered a number of interesting points and I think this response would be long delayed if I tried to comment on all of them in one letter. So, I think I'd better limit this to one or two of the items and follow up on the others a little later.

Let's take the Pocahontas County Orndorffs first. Except for the effect of the Hevener- Orndorff irregularity which you have found, these Orndorffs are descendants of Isaac and Rebecca (Lowery) Orndorff and this Isaac was the youngest son of John #1 and Hannah (McIlwee) Orndorff. Referring to your chart, I believe the two, John William R. Orndorff and John William (William), whom you show as father and son, actually were one and the same. Enclosed are xerox copies of pages 18, 19 and 85 from one of Darius W. Orndorff's notebooks giving some details on the families of Isaac and his son, William Riley Orndorff. Also, to save typing and still fill you in on miscellaneous data concerning this family, I will enclose a copy of a letter which I wrote to Mrs. Doris Neely on June 7, 1977, and a memorandum by Jerry Asher of an exploratory trip that he made to the Pocahontas County area in October 1974.

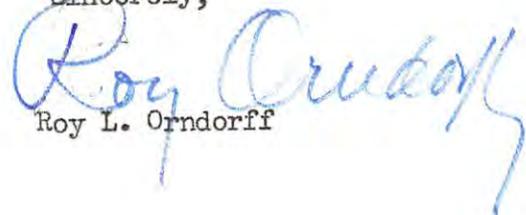
I had written to Dwight L. (Moody) Orndorff in 1972 but received no reply and, after Jerry's visit, both he and I wrote Mrs. Leist but had no response. It occurs to me now that family knowledge of the closet-skeleton may have caused some reticence on their part. The report that I attended a reunion in West Virginia is in error. There is a family of Orndorffs in Nicholas County (descendants of my grandfather's brother, Philip) and, once or twice, I was invited to their annual family party but was never able to accept.

Now for Hezekiah Orndorff - what you need to do is to refer to your own files. Several years ago you sent me a copy of what appears to be a county history write-up on this man (Rice County, Kansas). As usual with such books, the account is flowery in language but weak in facts. The subject Hezekiah's father was a Philip Orndorff, brother of my paternal great grandfather, Jacob Orndorff, Sr.

More later.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,


Roy L. Orndorff

Names	Births	Marriages	Deaths	P. O.
Isaac Brendoff	Page 2	1815	Sep 1866	Sealy in stock in Highland Va
Hannah Strowsider	" 26	1845	189	Hagerstown Md
Margaret Ann O	1816	Jacob Sauer		
James Brendoff	" 23 1818		1854	Hampshire Co Va Augusta
Rachel O	" 32 1821	Eli Peck		
Isaac Brendoff's 2 nd wife			Sep 1866	
Rebecca H. Lowrey	" 85	Mary Ann Conrad	Apr 1 1877	
W ^m Riley Brendoff	" 67	Saml Brounner	Sep 5 1868	Platts mouth Neb
Sarah Jane Brend Mar 3 1827	Sep 21 1843			Nebr
John Wiley Owen	" 73	Reinold Collins in Pocahontas Co Va		Forbes Station Holt Co. Mo.
Phineas Morgan Owen	" 75	Estaline Rowley near Field, Virginia	Nov 15 1864	
Mary Ann Brend	" 77	John Shaton in Pocahontas Co Va		
Susann Ellen Owen	" 79	Chas W Hieck in Pocahontas Co Va		
Benjamin H Owen	" 81	Amanda Clifford in Hampshire Co Va		
Hannah K Owen	" 83	Ann Grogg in Hampshire Co Va	Sep 28 1866	

Apr 10 1885. Cousin Elizabeth K. Waybright
name on Pages 67 & 69. of Platts mouth Neb
writes. I see by your letter that you have heard
from Aunt Margaret Sauer and have from
her a list of Grand Fathers 1st wifes children.
I will send you a list of his 2nd wifes & children
and she sends all in red on this and Pages
from 67 to 85. and other information

Margaret A Sauer Nov 5 + Dec 26 1887. Hagerstown Md
Nov 5th My Grand Fathers name was John Brendoff his wife
Hannah. He was a farmer & was well educated. He
died at Old Forge in Fredrick Co Va. His wife died
near Strasburg Va. He was the father of 12 children
4 girls & 8 boys The oldest was Samuel who was a farmer
& died near Cedar Creek Va. The 2nd Benjamin a farmer
lived & died at " " The 3rd Levi a farmer &
" " at " " The 4th David lived & died
on Timber Ridge Va. The next child was Nancy married
to John Reed she lived & died at Timber Ridge. The 6th
child Rebecca was married to John Kay, lived & died at
Capon Va. The next two were Israel & Jesse who enter
ed the army in the war of 1812 & while there contracted
a fever & came home & died at Cedar Creek Va. The next
Phineas was Phineas was a magistrate & a thorough business man
He was the Father of the present Morgan C. & lived & died
near Strasburg Va. The next was Ellen died single &
another daughter Polly who died when small & the
youngest was my father Isaac who was a dealer in
stock he lived & died in Highland Co Va. Dec 28
Father was married twice, my Mothers name was
Hannah Strowsider. there was only 3 of us children
My self. bro James who died 33 years ago at 36 years of age
sister Rachel married Eli Peck & lived at Augusta
Hampshire Co Va. I married Jacob Sauer a Stone mason

Wm Riley Grandoff

Mary Ann Conrad

Oscar L. Grandoff

Margaret Ann Fox

Mary H. Grand

Sarah Jane Grand

Laura Etta Grandoff

Samuel McCalpin

Myler Fitzgerald

Chas Crawley

Green Bank
 Forest G. W. W.

" " "

" " "

" " "

" " "

To Roy from Jerry

[Handwritten initials]

MEMORANDUM OF TRIP OF JERRY ASHER TO POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Oct 74

"Travellers Repose" was an inn near the road junction (#250 & #28 in N part of Pocahontas Cny); this inn is now removed. It stood in a dell on the E side of the N-S road. Issac ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Orndorff lived here with his wife in 1850 at age 53; his wife lived here in 1860 at age 66. We know that in 1852, Issac lived in Pocahontas Cny, the son of Hannah.

At Green Bank (a pretty spot, with a national radio ~~stake~~ observatory nearby), I called Dwight "Moody" Orndorff on local advice; his Farmer's Supply Co was closed, and he had moved to Durbin this year, having sold the store (Tel 456-4719); he is a son of Jesse Orndorff. "Moody's" son Richard Orndorff, a career Army man, was home, so I was able to meet him. Jesse Orndorff's father was William Lacey Orndorff. William Lacey Orndorff was a son of Issac Orndorff. "Moody" and his son Richard showed me an extract from an old store record, called: "Book of Uriah Hevener, Store, 1849-52.", which contained these entries: "Arbovale: Issac Orndorff bought tobacco, and Phineas Orndorff bought 6 yds cotton cloth, May 8, 1850; John Orndorff bought tobacco, knife, and shirt, May 8, 1850; Neas Orndorff bought (Phineas) coat, caps, and pills, May 8, 1850; Benjamin Orndorff bought tobacco, combs, buttons, matches, envelopes, coat, cap, gloves, scythe, May 8, 1850...Morgan Orndorff bought cotton and socks on Dec 1, 1849." Both "Moody" and Richard advised me to call Mrs Marie Leist, a daughter of Jesse Orndorff, 909 Pocahontas Ave, Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970. I also called Mrs Anna Lou Orndorff at Green Bank, another relative, tel # 456-4831; her daughter is Gaynelle Orndorff Hevener.

Neas and Morgan were same person - Phineas Morgan?

I drove on to Marlinton, situated on a broad, 2' deep rocky river, on the old Seneca Indian Trail (North and South, from NY to Ga). During the French & Indian War, 18 settlers lost their lives here; it was settled in 1749 by Sewell & Marlin, "the oldest recorded settlement on the western waters". Here stood the Oak, marking corner of the first survey west of the Alleghenies. Here was Ft Greenbrier, built in 1755, and garrisoned by Andrew Lewis. During the indian raids in 1799, 13 were killed and many taken captive.

I drove on to Mill Point, founded by Steven Sewell in 1750; this was the site of Ft Day in 1774. In the indian raids here in 1778, 2 were killed.

Then I drove to Hillsbobo, settled in the 1760's by John McNeel and the Kinnisons. Gen W W Averell camped here before the Battle of Droop Mtn and after his raid to Salem, Va in 1863. This is the birthplace of Pearl Buck, so I visited her large house and met the director of her Foundation, David Corcoran, M.A. (Hist); he had some good leads for me regarding Elijah ~~XXXXX~~ Orndorff (Sr), and we discussed the history of the County. It looked comfortable and prosperous, with large-enough farms. I took many photographs.

Leaving Pocahontas County, I then drove to Frankford, Greenbrier Cny, founded by Col John Stuart in 1769, with McClanahan, the Renicks, and companions, who bought out earlier claims of Wm Hamilton; Greenbrier Valley was pretty and green.

At Lewisburg, where the road and old wagon trail fork, I telephoned Mrs Leist. She said that Issac Orndorff, who came from Frederick Cny, Va, was a son of John Orndorff; Issac married Rebecca Lowery who was born about 1800. Issac Orndorff was a farmer, who had 11 children. They were: Margaret, James, Raehael, Sarah, John Wesley, Mary A, Benjamin, Phineas, Susan R, William Lacey (who married Mary Ann Conrad) and wo died in 1868, and from whom both Mrs Leist and "Moody" are descended, and one other ~~missing~~ offspring (whom, we figured, was Elijah Orndorff (Sr). Perhaps

50 in 1850 Census

Neas and Morgan were cousins who also traded at the Hevener Store. I then drove West

? Catherine, age 11 in 1850 Census?

Dear Mrs Berger

I saw in the Helper of July - Aug.
the need of parents of Henry W Bailey.
Do you have much information on
Bailey's as I need any I can get. I
am looking for my Grandpa James Macon
Bailey's family. Grandpa raised daddy
and my uncle and aunts in Beauregard
Parish, La. but even daddy doesn't know
any of Grandpa's people. James was born
in 1865 I found him and Grandma
and 3 of the children in the 1900 La
Soundex you see the rest of the
children were born after that daddy
1903 is only one living and doesn't
know much. I'll pay you for your
trouble if you have much information
Thank you let me know first.
Inclosed is a self address envelope
yours truly Dorothy L Johnson P O Box 643
Channelview Tex 77538-0643

ROY L. ORNDORFF
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

May 16, 1979

4624 23RD ROAD NORTH
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22207

Dear Mrs. Berger:

As always, your recent letter was much appreciated. The name "Oringderff" is a real surprise and a challenge. I had noticed this spelling in the 1850 Census index some years ago but had written it off as guesswork by a census enumerator. I had noted that, of the eleven families of Orndorff or similar in Ohio in that index, there were eight different spellings. That assumption seemed particularly logical since the same family in 1860 was listed as "Orendorff". The way I have the family for 1860, in Gallia County, is:

Dwelling #201:	John Orendorff	47	Born Ohio
	Sarah "	37	" "
	John "	13	
	William "	11	
	Charles "	9	
	James "	5	
	Eveline "	2	
	William Smith	19	

Nearby, in Dwelling #197, headed by John R. Blessing, was Henry Orendorff 20, born in Virginia, farm laborer. I didn't copy this from the census myself but received it from a friend who is a very competent and accurate researcher so I think it is reliable.

I concur that this would seem probably to be a unit of my line of Orndorffs but have found nothing in my files to identify them. Their legend of an ancestor with 23 children sounds like our John #1 (although I have been able to document only 18). If you would care to give me a name and address, I will be happy to try to make a contact.

Your Piper- Fheiffer sound very complex. At the risk of adding fuel to the fire, I might mention that there has been a Piper family since the earliest days in the same neighborhood where the John Orndorff #1 family has lived in Frederick County, Virginia. To answer a question of yours, no - I have nothing on the name "Daub".

Backing up to your earlier letter, I found the maps to be very interesting. I find it frustrating that there are so many place names for small communities in the Freudenberg area and each map shows a different selection of them. I thought a good topographic map might show more of them on the same sheet. With considerable effort, I wheedled one out of the Defense Mapping Agency but it is a poor xerox copy and mostly illegible or barely so. Anyway, I'll enclose the best xerox I could get from it. Recently, I have learned of a source of a better and larger scale one and will let you know if that produces anything worthwhile.

Dear Mrs. Berger,

Several years ago you corresponded with my father, James Verle ORINGDERFF concerning research you were conducting on your family name which is very similar to ours. That is the reason for this letter. I am beginning research on the name ORINGDERFF.

I began my search by attempting to pinpoint the ethnic origin of the name and I'm afraid I have been unsuccessful. I traveled to New Braunfels, Texas and sought the aid of an acquaintance, Jerome Nowatny. Mr. Nowatny researches and makes coats-of-arms and he has the most extensive listing and library of coats-of-arm in the U.S. He was unable to find anything similar in spelling, but he is still working on the project.

In your letter to my father you mentioned a "Virginia" group. I do not believe this would be our group. I studied my grandmother's family Bible and discovered that my grandfather and his family were from Missouri. My father added that the main group of my grandfather's family was from Illinois. I have written friends in both St. Louis and Chicago to have them check state records in both areas.

Below is a brief outline of my family's history.

I am the middle son of three (3) sons born to -

JAMES VERLE ORINGDERFF - born near HINTON, OKLAHOMA 2/3/1911.

He is the eldest son of CHARLES WILLIAM HENRY ORINGDERFF born in St. Louis, Missouri in the late 1870's.

my grandfather married -

SARAH OLIVE (OLLIE) STROMAN in 1907 at
Graford, Palo Pinto County, Texas.

Unfortunately I (at this time)
have no further information on
my great grandparents because
my father never knew his
grandparents. If any of these
names appeared in your research
please advise. Or, if not, could
you advise any libraries, central
research facilities, etc. I would
greatly appreciate the information
because I am just beginning but
I am determined to trace the
family to its ethnic origins. I
will be happy to share any
information I obtain if it might
aid you in your project. Thank
you for any consideration you give
my request.

Sincerely,

Warry L. Orndorff
6124 GREENFIELD ROAD

FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76135

PH.
(817) 237-5029

1800 -- 1900 Census Soundex

Date Film read _____

State Mo

Orndorff John
Head of Family

Vol 27 Ed 112

W 33 Ohio
Color Mo Yr Age Birthplace

Sheet 20 Line 42

Polk Madison
County MCD

City		Street		House #	
Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orndorff Mrs. S.	W			28	Tenn.
Charles H.	S			7	Mo
Alta	D			5	Mo
Ida M.	D			4	Mo
John A.	S			4/12	

me Rosa J. ^{age 1} ³

State _____

Orndorff Leona F
Head of Family

Vol 27 Ed 112

3 Mo.
Color Mo Yr Age Birthplace

Sheet 21 Line 16

Polk Madison
County MCD

City		Street		House #	
Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orndorff Wm J	M			31	Ohio
Martha O J	M			30	Tenn
Fred R.				8	Mo

State Mo.

Orndorff Leander H.
Head of Family

Vol 44 Ed 221

W 28 Ky.
Color Mo Yr Age Birthplace

Sheet 6 Line 25

Vernon Moundville
County MCD

City		Street		House #	
Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orndorff Altie	W			21	Louisiana
Robert B.	S			4	Mo
Charles S.	S			1	Mo.

State _____

Orndorff Lorenzo D.
Head of Family

Vol 13 Ed 205

42 Ohio
Color Mo Yr Age Birthplace

Sheet 5 Line 28

Brandy Myers
County MCD

City		Street		House #	
Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orndorff Mary	W			40	N. Carolina
William H.	S			19	Iowa
Alfa	D			14	Mo
Leander	S			12	Mo
Attina	S			10	Mo
Emory	S			8	Mo
Daisy	7			7	

You will want to check original census in all counties of persons on these sheets.

1800 - 1900 Census Soundex

Date Film read _____

State Mo
 Vol 8 Ed 123
 Sheet 5 Line 49
 Head of Family Orndorff - son
 Color 4 Mo mo
 Birthplace Liberty
 County Clay MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<i>w</i> <u>Prayer, Des M</u>	<u>g. father</u>				

State _____
 Vol 11 Ed 241
 Sheet 1 Line 27
 Head of Family Ornduff Sam'l
 Color 30 all
 Birthplace Missouri
 County Clay MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<u>Ornduff Nancy</u>	<u>w</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>30</u>	<u>Ohio</u>
<u>Joseph</u>	<u>s</u>			<u>9</u>	<u>Kansas</u>
<u>Prayer</u>	<u>s</u>			<u>6</u>	<u>Kansas</u>
<i>adad</i> <u>Adel</u>	<u>d</u>			<u>4</u>	<u>Kansas</u>
<u>Harry</u>	<u>s</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>ms.</u>

State _____
 Vol 2 Ed 257
 Sheet 4 Line 20
 Head of Family Orndorff W. J.
 Color 39
 Birthplace Barton City Tap
 County Barton MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<u>Orndorff M. E.</u>	<u>w</u>			<u>28</u>	<u>Ky</u>
<u>W. H.</u>	<u>s</u>			<u>9</u>	<u>ms.</u>
<u>Susan E.</u>	<u>d</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>ms.</u>
<u>Mary C.</u>	<u>d</u>			<u>10/12</u>	<u>ms.</u>

State Mo.
 Vol 2 Ed 261
 Sheet 9 Line 12
 Head of Family Orndorff William
 Color 39 Ohio
 Birthplace Jamar
 County Barton MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<u>Orndorff Sara</u>	<u>w</u>			<u>30</u>	<u>mo</u>
<u>Elizora</u>	<u>s</u>			<u>12</u>	
<u>Belle</u>	<u>d</u>			<u>10</u>	
<u>Clara</u>	<u>d</u>			<u>5</u>	
<u>Harry</u>	<u>s</u>			<u>3</u>	
<u>Bertie Oak</u>	<u>d</u>			<u>1</u>	

not named d 1/12

State Mo
 Head of Family Orndorff Harrison Vol 23 Ed 229
 Color W Mo 65 Yr 65 Age 65 Birthplace E. Va. Sheet 17 Line 46
 County Mercer Medicine MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orndorff K Susan	w			42	W. Va
Lila K	d			23	La
Lewis Charles	ss			7	Mo
Lucy A	sd			7	Mo

State Mo
 Head of Family Orndor Jacob Vol 6 Ed 157
 Color W Mo 46 Yr 46 Age 46 Birthplace Ind. Sheet 27 Line 16
 County Carroll Lee MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orndor Mary	w			30	Iowa
John W. J	s			7	Mo.
Joseph M.	s			5	Mo.
Jessie J.	d			1	Mo.

State Mo
 Head of Family Orindery Henry Vol 27 Ed 112
 Color W Mo 40 Yr 40 Age 40 Birthplace Va. Sheet 19 Line 5
 County Park Madison MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orindery Mary B	w			34	Va.
Wanda	d			14	Ohio
William	s			11	Ohio
Alice	d			8	Mo
Reuben	s			6	Mo
Josephine	d			5	Mo.
Samuel	s			1/2	Mo.

State Mo
 Head of Family Orndorff James Vol 19 Ed 44
 Color W Mo 40 Yr 40 Age 40 Birthplace Ill Sheet 13 Line 44
 County Jaffoyette Sneabar MCD

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
Orndorff Mary	w			41	Ohio
Lida	d			18	Iowa
Samuel	s			14	"
Charles	s			12	"
James S.	s			7	Mo.
Maggie	d			5	Mo.

1880

1880 - 1900 Census Soundex

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Bettie Orendorf

State Mo

State _____

~~Carter Joseph~~
Head of Family

Vol 15 Ed 28

Orendorf Daniel
Head of Family

Vol 23 Ed 229

W 9 Iowa
Color Mo Yr Age Birthplace

Sheet 19 Line 45

W 25 Iowa
Color Mo Yr Age Birthplace

Sheet 18 Line 1

Holt Forbes
County MCD

Merces Medicine
County MCD

City Street House #

City Street House #

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<u>Carter Joseph</u>	<u>self</u>				

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<u>Orendorf Eva</u>	<u>W</u>			<u>24</u>	<u>Iowa</u>
<u>Harrison</u>	<u>S</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>Mo.</u>

State _____
Head of Family Orendorf C

Vol 11 Ed 23

State _____

W 48 Ill
Color Mo Yr Age Birthplace

Sheet 18 Line 27

Orendorf George N.
Head of Family

Vol 27 Ed 112

Jackson Kaw
County MCD

Polk Medison
County MCD

City Street House #

City Street House #

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<u>Orendorf Mary F</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>Ill</u>
<u>Attie</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>Ill</u>
<u>Charles</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Mo.</u>

Name	Rel'ship	Birth		Age	Birthplace
		Mo	Yr		
<u>Orendorf William J</u>	<u>not reported</u>				

DATA WORK SHEET (For recording genealogical information as it is gathered from various sources.)

Date _____ Search No. _____ Enclosure No. _____ Name of Subject James P. Orndorff

Check source or type of record and describe.

Found Record Vol. _____ Page _____ Location _____	Subject's Data Birth _____	Day _____ Month _____ Year _____	City, Town or Place _____ County or Province, etc. _____ State or Country _____
Document Dated _____ Recorded _____	Chr'nd _____		
Who controls or has record? _____	Mar. _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bible	Death _____		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Church	Places of Residence _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence	Occupation _____	Church Affiliation _____	Military Rec. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Court	Father _____	Mother <u>Mary A.</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Deed	Name of Spouse <u>Emma Ransford (1st wife)</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> History	Spouse's Data	Day _____ Month _____ Year _____	City, Town or Place _____ County or Province, etc. _____ State or Country _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Home	Birth _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Interview	Chr'nd _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Military	Death _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Obituary	Burial _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tombstone	Places of Residence _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Vital Record	Occupation _____	Church Affiliation _____	Military Rec. _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Father <u>Thomas Ransford</u>	Mother <u>Nancy Black</u>	

Copy verbatim on this form the information you find in the various records or books as you do your research. (You will find differences in records.) Make a separate sheet for each search or each name or family on your line found in a search. Then, after information has been extracted from all sources, you may easily make comparisons of statements, judge value of each, and record correct data on a permanent form such as A1, F1, F3 or F6. See The Sixth Edition THE HOW BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS for additional suggestions regarding the use of this sheet.

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Legibility		Children's Data						
Sex	Children's names in full (Arrange in order of birth)	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on children
1	<u>William M.</u> Full name of spouse*	Birth	12	4	1881	Clark Cty,	Ind.	
		Mar.						
		Death	9		1961	Wigo Cty,	Ind	
		Burial	9		1961	" "	" "	
2	Full name of spouse*	Birth						
		Mar.						
		Death						
		Burial						
3	Full name of spouse*	Birth						
		Mar.						
		Death						
		Burial						
	Full name of spouse*	Birth						
		Mar.						
		Death						
		Burial						

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use space below or reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

James P. Orndorff

married

Ava P. Keller (2nd wife)

Children: Harold, Clyde, Peter, Beatrice
Melaris, Barbara, Victor

James P's father borned Virginia according
to 1880 Census

June 21, 1976

Dear Mrs. Berger.

Thank you very much for your information regarding the Orndorff line. Since the children have been out of school, I have been very slow with my correspondence.

I have listed as much as I know, at the present, on the Thank sheet. Also, I have mailed one to Mrs. Jaspersen.

The 1880 Census showed my Orndorffs which James P. was born Ohio and his father in Virginia.

Once again, I really appreciate you taking time to write such an informing letter. Hope we can continue our letter writing.

Yours truly

Mrs. Nancy Rhodes
R.R. 2, Box 79
Wheatfield, Ind 46392

(2)

In that letter you mentioned a couple of map problems, i.e., (1) You had not found Klafeld and (2) Mossbach am Neckar. In case these questions are still pending, I am enclosing another print, taken from a National Geographic 1959 map, which I believe gives answers. Klafeld is about three or four miles north of Siegen. The Neckar flows into the Rhine from the southeast at Mannheim. (It is the river which the castle at Heidelberg overlooks). About 20 to 25 miles east of Heidelberg there is a town of Mosbach. It seems to be located a mile or so east of the River but I expect that is close enough to qualify as "am Neckar".

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Orundum". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name Henry Oringderff*

This Information Obtained From: (1) Mrs. J.V. Oringderff
3514 N. Nichols-Ft. Worth, Tex 76106

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence							
Occupation		Church Affiliation			Military Rec.		
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father				Mother's Maiden Name			

Compiler Camilla Berger
Address 19702 Crestknoll City, State Yorba Linda, CA
Date Jan. 1979 92686

Wife's Full Maiden Name							
Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence							
Occupation if other than Housewife				Church Affiliation			
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Her Father				Mother's Maiden Name			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Birdie	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse* Henry Fennell	Mar.					Fannin Co.	Texas	
		Death			1958	Mangum		Oklahoma	
		Burial							
2	daughter	Birth							burned to death when family moved from Mo.-Tex
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Charles Henry Lee	Birth	30	Oc	1885			St. Louis County MO.	
	Full Name of Spouse* Sarah Olive Strowman	Mar.	28	Je	1908	Grayford		Texas	moved to Ok. c. 1910-11
		Death	29	Ja	1887				
		Burial							
4	Wilbur	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Earl	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							When family came to Texas the youngest brother of Henry came with them going to Coleman, Texas married a girl and raised two boys and both died young. The boys are still there.
		Burial							
8		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10		Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once, each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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ORINGDERFF

41 North Jet

1-9-79

Dear Mrs Berger

am sorry in the delay of answering your letter. Some time last year some lady ~~from~~ was at the air port here and during the delay between planes she called us, but I was thinking she was married to a man named O-brndorf - you see the two men that just came to america changed the spelling after they came here. In 1966 I worked with a man who had been in the U.S. only 3 years and he was so angry because of the change of Spelling He knew the family well in Germany - He said they were a very honorable family - rather well off financially - Business men. These two men came in to the Chicago Ill area and kept in touch with the ones in the "mother country" These decendants are scattered now. But in Chicago + Ill. State they are still in Business there - Farm Equipment mfg and Drs + Lawlers my husbands Grandparents Henry + wife were in missouri when their family was born. ~~But~~ Charles Henry Lee Oringderff (my husbands father) was born Oct 30. 1885 he was the oldest son however they had 2 daughters both older - Birdie who lived

to be in her 60's died in 1958 at Mangum area - But was married to Henry Farnell in Fanning Co Sept. The other girl was burned to death as the family moved from near to Sep. but we do not know the exact date. after Charles, the boys were 27 ^{Eller} and ^{Richard} and Earl. 27 ^{with in early} was the only one to serve in World War I.

When the family came to Sep the youngest Bro of our Grandpa came with them going to Coleman Sep married a girl and raised two boys and both died young the boys are still there my husband's parents were married in Grayfield Sep - June 28 - moving to area in 2013 years where my husband James Seale was born - Feb 7 - 1911 - there was an older sister who was buried in Ocala before they return to Fanning Co Sep in 1913. they lived in Arkansas yrs. returning again to Sep in 1920 where the mother Olive Stromman Oringdeyft died May - 1947 and Dad - in Ark. in 1973 both are buried at Seale Wood Co Sep.

We have an enlarged picture of my husband's Grandparents.

If you would like I'll try to get the run-down on the Charles Henry Lee Oringdeyft family. The last was O. H. Oringdeyft maybe able to help more as she married the 1st was O. S. Bro in 1901 and keeps up with the family real well. still has a good memory

Her address is

Mrs Ida Oringderff Rt 7-Box 310 Rogers Ark 72756

Charles Henry Lee Oringderff ^{In country} born St Lewis, Mo Oct 30-1885
 Sarah Olive Strouman born Jan 29-1887

married June 28-1908 - 4 family

Oldest Girl - name unknown buried in Caddo Co Okla

James Lerle Oringderff - born Hinton, Caddo Co. Okla Feb 7-1911

Edith O. Bryant " Jef May 18-1913

We decided maybe you weren't interested in C.H.'s
 Family - Just his ancestors

Let us hear from you. Thank you

Mrs Lerle Oringderff

3514 N. Nichols

At Warrick Ind 76106

Mrs. V. Orungdriff
3514 N. Nichols
30 Worth Tex 71424
76106

71424

1-28-79

Dear Camilla:

May I call you that now - we are
kin you know and I'm so happy + excited that
we can help each other out with this gathering
of facts on the family. Our youngest son was
here when I got in from church this morning
and is so intrested in this too and for over 2 yrs
he was stationed real close to Oberfischbach
while in the army - He has one nephew over
there now and he may also be able to
help us - It would be such a great thing
for my children and Grandchildren to have
this its the only legacy I can give them
you see I've all ways taught them to be
proud of their heiratage even during both
wars there was a lot of us mothers taught
our children to be proud of who they were
my own parents taught me to love + respect
the German people - altho we are mostly Irish +
Indain. But we were raised on the farms in
Southwestern Okla and had lots of Foreign
Born German neighbors and their lives made
you love + respect them for themselves.

Have found some more information.

husband

Charles Henry Lee Oringderff

Born: Fairplay mo. 10-30-1885

Died
Ark 1973

wife

Sara Olive Strouman

Born:

1-29-1887

Died
5-3-1947

married

Grayford Co Tex 6-28-1908

Children

Girl Death 1913. buried Caddo Co. Okla.

Boy James Verle - born 2-7-1911 Zinton, Caddo Okla

Girl Edith - 5-18-1913 Petty Tex

Boy Charles Durwood 6-19-1915 Mt Pleasant, Rockwall Co Tex.

Twin Boys Shelby B. - 3-12-1918 Petty Tex

Shelton D. - 3-12-1918. died ~~4-28~~⁵⁻²⁸ 64 buried Idlar Tex

Girl Jewell Estell 5-10-1920. Foreman, Ark.

Boy Leo 9-15-24 - Honey Grove, Tannin Co. Tex

Boy Allie C 5-15-29 Memphis, Hall Co Tex.

Family G

Husband James Verle Oringer - ^{born} 2-7-1911 - Hinton Caddo Co. Okla
wife Myrtle Hollis " 5-8-1914 Mt View Washita Co. "

Son Verle Duane - 6-3-1939 Littlefield Lamb Co Tex
" Danny Lee - 9-21-1942 Ft Worth Tarrant Co Tex
" David Larry C - 9-23-1949 " " " " "

Families

Verle Duane married Ft Worth Tex 1-21-1963
Vicki Davis

Son Robbie Duane - born 12-23-1963 - Ft Worth Tarrant Co Tex

Danny Lee

Lee Ellen Hebert married Ft Worth Tex 2-23-1968

Son Eric Hebert born 3-2-1971

David Larry C married

Jama Lee Lingerfelt Elizabethton, Tenn 6-5-~~7~~¹⁹1972

Son Jon David - born 7-9-1973 Cape Fear N. Carolina

Daughter Ida Lee " 4-5-1975 Ft Bragg N. Carolina

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to help with this one of the nephews has done some on this too - I don't know how much. But here's his address if you'd like the information he has,

James Oringderff

8203 Glen Court

San Antonio, Tex 78239

But the boy in Germany I do not have an address, however the boy named above is his bro, he may have - he is Orvel Lee So James may be able to get him to do some leg work for us too

God Bless you and soon
your cousin Bill Oringderff

Mrs Ralph H. Bryant VIRGINIA 015
112 E. Jefferson Levelland Texas
19336 March 22, 1979

Mrs Camilla A. Berger
19702 Crestknoll Dr.
Yorba Linda Calif, 92686
Dear Mrs Berger.

I really don't know how to write this letter, or if I can be of any help. My step mother, Mrs Ida Oringdeuff, sent your letter and these sheets to see if I could help you. You see, one my sons had ask me to work up a family tree, the best I could, for them several years ago, but I just got around to it this winter while we were snowed in. I also come across some notes I made several years ago talking to daddy about his early life. - So - I decided to write a sketch of dad & mom's early life - just from memory and stories they had told me. You see I never knew any of my grand-parents, so I that the children might like it. I write Aunt Ida, (my step mother) to see if she had any thing - records ~~to~~ etc.

So she sent me your letter, but no other information. She that I might could help you. She is 93 years old and can't see hardly at all, she has a great memory alright, and is a wonderful lady. She and daddy married in May 1966 and dad died the last of April in 1973. Aunt Ida was not married to two Oringdeuff's. Her first husband Lee Stroman was mother's brother. He died in '28 and she married again in 1931 to Carl Woodward - after about 40 years marriage ~~she~~ he died. and her ~~and~~ dad married (each for the 3rd time) in 66. Dad's 2nd wife was mother's sister Marnie Self ~~who~~ lost her husband about the time we last Mather in 1947.

Okla. ^{in the about 1920-21 -} after leaving his wife & children
in ^{Honey Grove Texas} ~~Mo.~~. There was no trace of him
found, but during World War I one
of my brothers met a woman in Calif.
that later had married him. He had
changed his name, but he had told her
about his family. Uncle Earl left a wife
and 4 children. His wife married again
after several years to Baxter Moore in N.D.
she may still be living. ^{persons are Earnest & Lloyd}

Dad's family come to Texas from Mo. ~~from~~
in 1896 by Covered Wagon. Two Cousins
traveled with them, I think it took several
weeks. They come to Honey Grove but later
moved to Red River Co. where both his
parents died. Dad said they left most of
their relatives in Mo. but later some of
them moved down into Northeastern
Okla. He really didn't know much about
them. I do know that several years ago
we were traveling in Okla. and followed
a butane or gasoline truck for miles it
had Oringdeuff on the side - and Enid
Okla. Dad said any Oringdeuff that spelled
that was was our kin. My husband ask
if I wanted to stop and talk but I didn't
but I would if it was now.

Dad & mom had 11 children 3 died in infancy.
one Brother Shelton D died in 1963.

If there is anything else I can help you
with I'll be glad to. I am very interested
in the book you are writing. I'd like
to know how its coming along.

I'd like very much to hear from you
and I do hope some of all this rambling
will be of help. Sincerely Edith Bryant

you said you got your information from my sister-in-law Mrs. Velle Oringduff - (or Bill) Some of the things need correction so I'll do that and try to fill out what I can.

My curiosity is getting the best of me? Who are you? are you an Oringduff? or related to one? Could you be my uncle Earl's child? there is so much I'd like to know ~~about~~ like why are you writing this book etc?

My dad was Charles William Henry Oringduff, was born at Aldrich Mo. Park Co. near Balar. He married (my mother) Sarah Olive Stroman June 28, 1908. Mom died in 1947, dad died April 1973.

His dad was James Oringduff born in Ohio Jan 25, 1854. Died Sept 16, 1903. His mother was Rebecca Susan Walker born Nov 12, 1855 - died Dec 9, 1905. Dad said his grandparents were from Germany - 2 different sections of Germany but I don't know where.

you ask about Henry Oringduff. In my notes I have down that dad had an uncle Henry Oringduff but I don't have his birthdate, or his wife's name. I do have down that they had 13 children, only 4 sons. Then an uncle John + Aunt Mary that had 18 children, six sons, another uncle Charlie moved to Texas, and died young with 2 thick only 2 children. Then there was uncle Jack. Dad's aunts were Margaret, Marcella, Nancy + Phoebe, but I do not know their married names. Dad's aunts + uncles on his mother's side is Sam + John Walker, Mary + Kate.

Dad's sister and brother's ^{with} Berdie Mae she married Henry Fennell, she died at Moryon Okla. in the early '60s. Then ~~was~~ Willard and Earl. Uncle Willard has been dead a number of years, and Earl disappeared from

word is just to the right of "Hilchen^h bach", the home of Herr Gämlich. In scanning an article on Palatine emigrants to America from the principality of Nassau-Dillenberg, in NGS Quarterly, Vol.29, page 44, I noticed a list of names "found in a packet of old letters in Wiesbaden" The significance of the list was not stated nor is the date, but my eye caught these two names - Johann Conrad Petter, zu Oberndorf and Johann Conrad Petter, von Merckenbach. Can you imagine any meaning to us in this?

Herman Ohrendorff: Noted in GENEALOGICAL DATA RELATING TO THE GERMAN SETTLERS OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT TERRITORY FROM ADVERTISEMENTS IN GERMAN NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN PHILADELPHIA AND GERMANTOWN 1743-1800: on January 16, 1750, someone was mentioned as living near Herman Ohrendorff at Quitapahilla, Lebanon County. In the same book, mention was made of Christian Ohrendorf of Heidelberg Township, Lancaster County (now Lebanon). (8-11-1760)

Orndorfs in Perry County, Ohio: From your delving into Ohio Orndorff records, can you place this family? The enclosed clipping was found loose in the DWO notes. From it and Census lists and other sources, it seems there was a family consisting of the following brothers and sisters:

Samuel - married Harriet Gray on Nov. 17, 1831 - no children
Elizabeth - married James Hardin on Dec. 7, 1820
Cathy - married Joseph Hardin on Jan. 10, 1822
Henry - married Elizabeth Ashbaugh on Sept. 22, 1831
George - married Alsenda Hillary on Jan 16, 1840 - He was the father of the plaintiff George and his brother, Elijah.
John - no data

This is mostly curiosity on my part - no one is waiting for an answer. DWO was ambivalent about assigning them to a group.

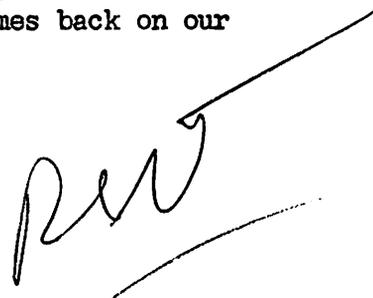
Another Texas Orndorff family: DWO, in his list of family groups, assigns Volume 11 to "Cha's W Ohrndorf" from Elberfeld, Germany, to Austin, Texas, in 1855. In checking the Soundex 1880 for the Noah Edward family, I note a listing of Julia Ohrenderf, born Germany, age 68, in Travis County (Austin) with a son Charles 26, born in Germany, and a daughter, Hulda Coxall 30 and several children, including a daughter Maud 11, born in Texas. I guess the only notable thing about this is that this seems to be the most recent known immigrant family.

THE HIGH PASSES: I don't think I ever told you of a book that one of my sons picked up in the library some years ago. The title is THE HIGH PASSES, and it was written by one John Reese in 1954, and published by Little, Brown & Co. It is a "Western" novel and the black hats were a family of the name of Orrindorf. As I recall, the scene was near the California-Nevada border, probably southeast of Lake Tahoe. Does the selection of this name for his baddies indicate that he had encountered some unsavory characters of this or similar name?

Thanks for the suggestions on the NE Register Plan. I hadn't thought of looking at Doane but will do so as soon as it comes back on our library shelves.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'P. W. O.', written in a cursive style. The signature is located at the bottom right of the page, below the typed name 'Sincerely,'.

ORNDORFF FAMILY NOTES

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ISAAC ORNDORFF (1797 -1866)

Son of John and Hannah (McIlwee) Orndorff

Some Census and other data

On October 21, 1852, Isaac, who said he was a resident of Pocahontas County (now West Virginia), made an affidavit on behalf of the widow of his brother, Phineas, who was applying for a land grant on the basis of her husband's service in the War of 1812. Isaac said he was 17 when his brother returned from service, probably in 1814, or 1815.

In the 1830 Census, Isaac is found in Pendleton County in a family consisting of males 2 under 5, 1 @ 10 to 15, 1 @ 20 to 30, and 1 @ 60 to 70; and females 1 under 5, and 1 @ 30 to 40.

In the 1840 Census, he was in Pocahontas County and the family consisted of males 1 under 5, 2 @ 10 to 16, and 1 @ 30 to 40; and females 1 under 5, 2 @ 5 to 10, 1 @ 16 to 16, and 1 @ 40 to 50.

In the 1850 Census, the family was enumerated in Pocahontas County as:

Isaac Orndorff	53	
Rebecca	50	Also in this Census, in the same
Benjamin	16	county, there was Mary Orndorff 20
Catharine	11	in the family of Frances Arbogast.

I didn't find Isaac in the 1860 Census, but Rebecca H. Orndorff⁶⁶ was counted in the family of John Slater (or Slaton) at Traveller's Repose in Pocahontas County. There was a marriage license to John Slaton and Mariam Orandof issued on December 28, 1850. Also, in the same Census and County, there was a listing for a family consisting of William R. Orendorff 42, Mary A. 24, Oscar L. 4, and Margaret A. 2. This William, I believe, is the only Orndorff who served in the U. S. Army in the Mexican War. He was in Co. A, 1st Tennessee Mounted Infantry, a farrier and blacksmith.

In 1870, in Meade Township, Green Bank P. O., there was:

Orndorff, Mary A.	35	Keeping house - owned real estate at \$1,000, personal property at \$400 - born Virginia.
Oscar L.	14	Works on farm
Maggie A.	12	
Mallie H.	7	(Female)
Sarah J.	4	
Laurietta	2	
Conrad, Mary H.	77	With her Daughter

And in 1880:

Orndorf, Oscar L.	24	
Mary A.	44	Mother
Estie J.	14	Daughter
Laura E.	12	"
Jessie B.	7	Son

A quick scan of the 1900 Soundex revealed no Orndorffs in Pocahontas County.

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June 17, 1979

Mrs. Ralph H. Eryant
112 E. Jefferson
Levelland Texas 79336

Dear Mrs. Eryant:

Mrs. Camilla Berger has given me your name and suggested that you would be interested in exploring a possible connection between the Oringderff family of Texas and our Orndorff family in Virginia. I had seen the Oringderff name in the 1850 Ohio Census years ago but assumed it was just a spelling error by the enumerator - of the eleven families in that Census under Orndorff or similar, there were eight different spellings.

To the best of our knowledge, and based on a great deal of research, we are descended from one Philip Henrich Arndorff who arrived from Germany in 1753 and was living in Chester County, Pennsylvania, for some years prior to his death there in 1777. His three sons, John, Philip and Lewis, who spelled the name "Orndorff", moved to Frederick County, Virginia, in or soon after 1777. All three had families and John and Philip (from both of whom I am descended) lived out their lives there but Lewis and his family disappeared from the area in the 1790's, probably resettling in Washington County, Virginia.

Beginning in the early 1800's, many of the grandchildren of John and Philip joined the great movement into the opening lands of the Middle West. Ohio was a favorite first stop. Some established families and remained in Ohio for several generations - some descendants probably are still there - while others tarried only a few years before moving on to Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, etc., and, eventually, to California, Oregon and Washington. The records that I have accumulated permit me to trace the lineages of some of these but not all of them by any means.

The survival of the name Oringderff is both surprising and interesting. This is particularly so since, although the name is shown in the 1850 Ohio Census as Oringderff, it seems to be listed, for the same family, as Orendorff in 1860, still in Gallia County, Ohio, and as Orindorf in 1880 for two households, one headed by Henry⁴⁰ and Mary S. and the other by William J. and Martha J., possibly representing another generation of the Gallia County family of 1850, and then located in Polk County, Missouri.

While there is a reasonable possibility that these people belonged to the John/Philip Orndorff line, we must bear in mind that there were other Orndorff lines which, also, were spreading members over the Middle West at the same time. At any rate, it is an interesting problem and if you or others of the Oringderff line are inclined to pursue it, I will be happy to make available the information in my files.

Sincerely,



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June 11, 1979

Mr. William H. Orndorff
1601 S. Sandhill Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Dear Mr. Orndorff:

Mrs. Camilla Berger has given me your name and has indicated that you have some interest in Orndorff family information. Over the years, and mostly by default, I seem to have become the clearing point and historian for my line of Orndorffs. To the best of our knowledge, we are descended from one Philip Henrich Orndorff who arrived from Germany in 1753 and was living in Chester County, Pennsylvania, at the time of his death in 1777. His three sons, John, Philip and Lewis, who spelled the name "Orndorff", moved to Frederick County, Virginia, in or soon after 1777. All three had families and John and Philip lived out their lives there but Lewis and his family disappeared from the area in the 1790's, probably resettling in Washington County, Virginia.

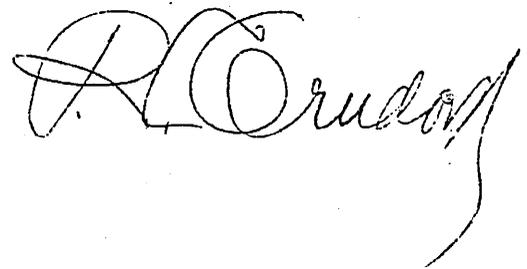
I understand that you have information that your grandfather, William Thomas Orndorff, was born in Hampshire County, now West Virginia, which adjoins Frederick on the west, and that he was born about 1858. In the 1860 Census, there is a William T., age 4, in the family of James W. and Eliza Orendorf, at Pleasant Dale P. O., in Hampshire County. It would appear that James W., who was then 35, was the son of William 61 and Margaret 59 in the same Census. The family of James W., usually spelled "Orndorff", continued to appear through the 1880 Census and I find in other records a note that he died on March 14, 1886.

There is little room for doubt that these people were members of the same Orndorff family that I belong to. There is a problem, however, in determining just how they are related. Beginning about 1800, several of the children and grandchildren of the first John and Philip relocated in Hampshire County, and the records now available don't always reveal connections to the earlier generations. The problem is complicated by the fact that certain Christian names were used repeatedly in the same generations. Thus, I am unable at this time to establish the parentage of the William and Margaret Orndorff mentioned above from the information I have. Of course, you should understand that the identification of the child William T. Orendorf of the 1860 Census as your grandfather is only an assumption.

If this is of interest to you, I will be happy to share any of the information that I have.

Sincerely,

Copy for Mrs. Berger



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November 26, 1979

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

Again, I apologize for the long delay in acknowledging your very interesting letter but other obligations seem to leave little time for genealogy. Then, such time as I could find in recent months has been largely spent on the Finley family which is in my ancestry. I'll enclose a diagram that shows the two Finley connections to my paternal line. This search has been somewhat easier than that for the Orndorff secrets because much work has been done on the Finley family by others.

Following your suggestion, I did write to Mrs. Bryant of Levelland, Texas, about the Oringderff family and to William H. Orndorff of Las Vegas, per the attached copies, but have received no responses. Concerning the Oringderff matter, recently I was looking at the 1880 Texas Census and noted this entry:

Oringderff, Charles 28 born Ohio
" Sallie 20 wife, Born Texas
" Martha (?) Ann 3 daughter, born Texas

This undoubtedly is the same Charles who was listed at age 9 in the 1860 Census of Gallia County, Ohio, as Charles Orendorff.

We had a two-week vacation in early October in Arizona and southern Utah. We flew to Phoenix, picked up an Avis car and drove about 1800 miles, sightseeing and visiting friends. At Tucson, I looked up Clifford J. Orndorff, Sr., 725 W. Calle Aragon, whose name I had seen in the phone book on other visits. He and his wife were very cordial and interested but knew little of his family background. His father, John Wesley Orndorff, lived at Valley Mills, Texas, in early life but later at Maysville, Oklahoma, where he had received a grant of Indian land by virtue of being part Choctaw Indian. John Wesley's father was Noah Edward Orndorff who lived in Elk City, Oklahoma. That seemed to be the extent of their family information. (You see why I was looking at the Texas 1880 Census). I have found nothing at all on them. If you should happen to have any references to their family I would be glad to know about it.

I look at my cluttered desk and files and ponder how best to attempt to put my family information in a form that will make it available and usable to others in the future. You once mentioned that you and Mrs. Jasperson will use the "N.E Register plan" for the Orndorff genealogy volume you plan for the proposed 1885 reunion. I think I am fairly familiar with that system but have not been able to find any set of instructions or directions for its use, although I have searched the publications of the New England Society. I am stumped by such questions as how to handle the intermarriages among relatives, such as we face as descendants of the brothers John and Philip Orndorff. If you can cite me a reference to any such directions I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Roy O.

4624 23rd Road, North
Arlington, Va. 22207
January 2, 1980

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Continuation — miscellanea — *also Trivia!*

In re-reading your last letter, I see your question about Census data for Pocahontas County - yes, I do have some and will try to assemble them on a separate sheet which I will enclose. Your contact, Bill Orndorff of Edina, MN, called last week and, in my absence, talked with Dorothy. He seems to be quite an eager beaver which is much different from the attitude we have found in his family heretofore. I'm a little uncertain as to how to respond.

Re: Orndorffs in Tennessee: I have noted these in various sources. In Sistler's index of the 1830 Census, there is a John Orndal in East Tennessee and a John Orndal in Wilson County of Middle Tennessee. DWG lists some in the western part of the state at a much later date. I'm sure I have other references but can't locate them now. As for the O's in Washington and Wilson Counties, I have felt that the ones in that part of the state probably came from the Lewis Orndorff/ Ornduff family of Washington County, Virginia, which is a short distance away. It seems very likely that he was the same Lewis, brother of John and Philip, who disappeared from Frederick County in the middle 1790's. At the same time, I have assumed that those O's in the western part of Tennessee were from the Christian Orndorff family which had settled just to the north in Kentucky. I just noticed an Aaron Ornduff in Robertson County, Tennessee, in the 1820 Census.

Thanks for your tip on Noah Edward Orndorff. I haven't had an opportunity to run this down but will do so. Otherwise, I have found nothing on that family.

You probably have this but I just recently noticed it in thumbing through Scarf's HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND for something else: In Vol. 2, page 840, in a list of burials in the Taneytown German Reformed Church Cemetery, there is recorded Conrad Orndorff, born September 16, 1722, died November 26, 1795. Also, Peter Orndorff, died January 16, 1847, age 58 years, 5 months, and 14 days; and Elisabeth his wife, died November 20, 1851, age 69 years, 8 months and 20 days. In the Catholic Cemetery, also in Taneytown, there were: Lucinda, daughter of J. and M. Orndoff, died April 22, 1877, age 23 years, 8 months; and Ann Louise, wife of Joseph A. Orndorff, died August 15 1872, age 38-2-27, and Sylvester N. Orndorff, died August 1854, aged 19-5-20. Found no O's in the Lutheran Cemetery record.

Oberndorf: You will recall that Herr Gämlich, in his letter to you, commented that the Orndorff name came from the place name "Oberndorf", a deserted (?) community in the Freudenberg district. I had heard of this theory before but had not given it much weight. However, I suppose we should keep it open as one possibility. Related to this thought are the following. On the enclosed topo map which I found at LC you will note the place name Oberndorf near the upper right hand corner. The scale is 1:100,000 or about inch equals 1.6 miles, so Oberndorf would be about 18 or 20 miles from Freudenberg. Also, I see the word "Oberndorf" dimly in the upper right hand margin of the DEUTSCHE GENERKARTE road map that you sent me last February. Note that, in both instances, this

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June 18, 1980

Dear Camilla:

It was good to hear from you and know that your trip turned out well. I know it must have been a great treat for you to go over the places in Maryland. Too bad you had to miss Jamestown - you would have liked it. We were happy that you could stop to see us, even if it was so short a visit. We felt guilty in dumping you and your parents so unceremoniously at National Airport but, with traffic being what it is, there seems to be no alternative. Please remember us to your parents.

I have a couple of notes that I don't believe I have passed on to you. One is from Egle's HISTORY OF DAUPHIN AND LEBANON COUNTIES, genealogical register section, page 345:

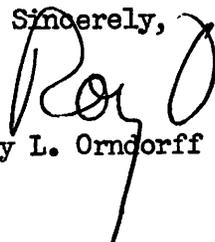
Herman Orndorff of Lebanon, died prior to 1778, leaving a wife, Catherine, and Children:

i Lorentz	v Maria Elizabeth
ii Christian	vi Anna Maria
iii John	vii Maria
iv Margaret	viii Teresia m. Joseph Eckworth

The other concerns Talbot County, Maryland. Last Summer we were on the Eastern Shore and I stopped at Easton, the county seat of Talbot, to look up something on the Finley family from which I am descended. In the will index, my eye caught the name Orndorf (so spelled in the index but Orndorff in the document). This was the will of Arietta Orndorff, dated January 13, 1872 and probated October 13, 1885. I believe the only property mentioned was three silver services, one to each of her daughters, Irene E. Orndorff, Arietta W. Meeds and Susan E. Stone. In the DWD 1898 directory, I see listed Arietta W. Orndorff at 503 W. Saratoga Street, Baltimore, followed by Susan E & James H. Stone of 327 Dolphin St., all attributed to the Christian Orndorff line.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Roy L. Orndorff

PS. I've given your name to Doug Orndorff of Ottawa whom I mentioned to you. You'll be hearing from him - with many requests. He may be even more presumptuous than the Minnesota Orndorff!

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January 16, 1979

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Several months ago, I prevailed upon Carol^{to}/help me with the Gämlich letter. She has been out of college eighteen years and her German had been little used since. I am enclosing a copy and would appreciate it if you would look it over and let me know if our translation has missed any important points. I think there may very well be some vital information in the leads that Herr Gämlich furnished you.

Mrs. Smith probably has kept you uptodate on her searches in Pennsylvania. I think it is just wonderful that we now know, with reasonable certainty, that John, Philip and Lewis of Frederick County, Virginia, were brothers and that their father was Philip Henrich Arndorff of the 1753 ship list. The Gämlich letter assumes additional importance because of the records he cites of both Arndorff and Ohrndorff families in the Siegerland and, particularly, in the Freudenberg area, in the decades preceding this emigration. It would certainly be a great milestone if we could find some identification of Philip Henrich in that region before 1753.

Naturally, I will be most interested in any data that your German researcher may turn up along that line - and I haven't forgotten that I agreed to contribute to the cost.

Since the road maps and others that I had been using were not entirely clear about the state boundaries around Freudenberg, I went looking for something more specific. The best I could find was in the New York Times ATLAS OF THE WORLD, Plate 64. I xeroxed a fragment and it occurs to me that you might find one useful for ready reference, so I'll enclose a print. Because of Freudenberg's location in reference to the boundaries, it would not be surprising to find that some of the Ohrndorff-Arndorffs might have lived in Hesse and the Palatinate as well as Westphalia.

I trust you are reading about our cold, snowy and sleety weather and enjoying the Southern California climate.

With best wishes for 1979.

Sincerely,

Roy O.

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July 9, 1978

Dear Mrs. Berger:

In recent months I have made the (telephone) acquaintance of Mrs. Cleeta Smith (Mrs. Thomas E.) of 10903 Cavalier Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901, who is interested in Orndorff genealogy by reason of the fact that she is a descendant of Rebecca, one of the daughters of John Orndorff No.1, who married John Racey on June 20, 1808. She has been involved in genealogy for some years but had not attacked her Orndorff line until very recently. She is a native of Shenandoah County and is related to a number of the German-named families and, consequently, has extensive knowledge of Pennsylvania German genealogy.

I have given Mrs. Smith your name and address and, with her approval, am enclosing a letter dated June 27, 1978, with attachments, which I received from her. It seems to me that the information she has found, taken together with what we had from the Penna Archives, the Runaway ads, etc., carries us back one more generation in my line. Also, we seem to have an answer to the question of the relationship between John, Lewis and Philip whom we know were family heads in Frederick County in 1782. The seeming quirks in the will of their father, Philip Arndoff, are very intriguing and I will be interested in what a xerox copy of the original will show. One of the projects now for this line is to try to establish an identity for this Philip and his wife Elizabeth. I think there is a possibility that he may be the Philip Heinrich Ahrendorff who, with Johannes Peter and Johan Conrad Orndorff, arrived on the Ship Edinburgh in 1753, but Mrs. Smith has serious doubts of this.

Have you had time to evaluate the results of your Maryland trip? I appreciate very greatly all the information you have given me and hope you will continue to share your findings. My family complications continue, with constant travel back and forth to Richmond to try to help Dorothy's sister who is suffering with terminal cancer. We are happy to offer our time and convenience but it leaves little time for things like genealogy.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roy Orndorff

ROY L. ORNDORFF
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

April 2, 1978

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

I've been so delinquent in answering your last few letters that I don't know where to start on any response. I assure you that your letters have been intensely interesting and my failure to respond is due entirely to lack of time, energy and concentration, mostly the last, I suspect.

For a starter, have you seen this article in the NGS Quarterly for March 1978?? I fear it confirms the snide remarks I've had over the years from wise-guy friends and relatives to the effect that my searching in family records might produce information that would better be left unknown. The mention of the girl "Hannah Mucklewee" certainly points to my gr. gr. gr. grandfather John Orndorff whose second wife is reported to have been "Hannah McIlwee". Also, you will recall that I found John and Philip Orndorff in Chester County in 1774 but not in 1780, and there is evidence in the "Zane Papers" that John and his family were in Frederick County by 1777. Then, John, Philip and Lewis were all in Frederick by 1782. The two items in the article raise a whole series of questions for me:

John's first wife supposedly was Elizabeth Mentz but here his abandoned spouse was Barbara. Had Elizabeth died earlier and was Barbara a second wife of whose existence we haven't known?

The fact that these people lived in Coventry Township while the Penna Archives records had them in Vincent may not be important - the two townships adjoin and the families may have made a short move.

Although the second item indicates that John had abandoned his first brood, he certainly had them with him in Frederick in 1782 and, apparently, by 1777.

The situation revealed in these items would seem to give a possible reason for John's moving from Penna to Virginia but one might wonder why Philip and Lewis went with him.

Assuming that "Mucklewee" is McIlwee as seems probable, there has been a large family of McIlwees in Frederick County from very early times and there have been several McIlwee-Orndorff marriages. Did John elope with the whole family?

And so on, ad infinitum.

Referring to Lewis Orndorff, you mentioned "Lewis in Chester County records". Do we have anything more than John Barclay Orndorff's mention of this name - page 18 of his book? Lewis has been very much of a mystery to me. He was in the 1782 Census count with a family of five in Frederick Co., and in the Frederick tax lists from their beginning in 1782 until 1798, after which he was no longer listed. However, beginning in 1799 there was a Lewis Orndorff (later converted to Ornduff) in the tax lists for Washington County which is in the extreme southwest corner of the state and on the Tennessee border. There are still Ornduffs in this area in both states but my efforts over the years to establish communication with anyone knowledgeable of their history have been fruitless. As far as I have been able to determine, the legend of Lewis' move to Tennessee had its beginning in information supplied

to Darius W. Orendorff by Miss Fannie Orndorff, a great aunt of mine who was a great granddaughter of the settler John. I suspect that she had the direction right, and possibly he started out for Tennessee, but that he didn't quite make it across the state line. As you know, I didn't find Lewis in the Chester County tax lists where I found John and Philip so if you have anything more about him there I'd like to know of it.

I fear I can't help on the John Orendolph in the 1850 Tennessee Census. I do see that I had picked up a John Orandalph in the index to the 1830 Census of East Tennessee - regretably, I failed to make a note of the county. From what you have, and if this is the same person, he would have been born in or about 1758 and his connection certainly presents some interesting possibilities.

I'd like to know what develops in your deal with the Germanresearcher. It doesn't seem fair that you should have to bear the entire expense of this effort which will be of interest to all of us. Within some limits - and I don't know how to define them - I would be glad to help.

Enclosed is a Washington area road map which I hope will be helpful although it's rather old and somewhat dog-eared. It's the best I have at hand and I don't want to delay to find a fresh one. I think there are no changes in the main routes. I have red-crayoned the beltway route toward Baltimore and I think this would be the best bet from Reston at all times. For Annapolis, I have marked in blue the route across town which would be much shorter than the Beltway and should not be difficult, particularly after the rush hours. I certainly hope we will be able to meet while you are here - albeit your research is on such a sophisticated scale that I am left far behind.

In one of your letters, you asked about an item in the Sept-Oct issue of the Genealogical Helper. No, I don't know the Mrs. Sechrist who made the inquiry nor do I have anything on the Jacob Orndorf, the subject of the inquiry.

This has been in the typewriter for several days and I think I'd better get it in the mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roy O". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Sincerely,".

4624 23rd Road, North
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October 12, 1977

Dear Mrs. Berger:

This is just a quickie to acknowledge your two letters and the German enclosure. The latter is areal challenge to my skimpy German and I think I'll look for a German-speaking friend to translate it. There are several points in your letters that I'll comment on later but that will take more time than I have right now.

We are scheduled to take off this Friday (14th) for a delayed vacation trip to California. We are doing the southern part of the state on bus tour (TWA-Green Carpet Tours "California Circle") out of San Francisco. One stop is at Anaheim (Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 1380 S. Harbor Blvd.) for the nights of October 23rd and 24th. I'm sure our time will be occupied with planned activities but I'll try to give you a call - realizing that you may have started your trip east by that time. If you come to Washington, be sure to call us. We will return on November 3rd.

Yours,

Roy Orndorff
Roy L. Orndorff

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maria
Lodge*

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July 29, 1977

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

Apologies for the long delay in responding to your very interesting letters in the past couple of months. I did retire from my office work on June 30th, but seem to have even less time now. Other demands and commitments are such that today is the first time I have been able to look at genealogy. Of course, I'd have to admit that my concentration powers and stamina leave much to be desired, especially with the kind of weather that we have had this Summer. I'm much impressed with the range and depth of your research and fear you have left me far behind!

To comment on some of the name questions; I don't find "Brendorf" in any of the Penna. material that I have. I do see in the 1790 Census an "Alexr Brindor" in Manchester Twp, York County.

A friend had called my attention several years ago to a mention of Polly Arndiff-Isaac Potter family in the ESTEP FAMILY NEWS of October 1973. This was in a chart of the family of one James G. Hobbs. This marriage was listed also in a paper in THE EAST KENTUCKIAN of June 1976. However, my friend has told me that Mrs. Dorcas Hobbs more recently has informed her that the name "Arndiff" is incorrect, the real name having been something entirely different. At any rate, variations of the Orndorff name have appeared in early times in several Va-W.Va. communities and I have not been able always to identify them.

That same comment applies to the Matthew Orrenduff - Matthew Orander records in Pittsylvania County. I had noted these records and I would guess that the individual is the same. The name "Orander" and similar ones have made me wonder if they are derived from Orndorff. I find the name "Orrender" or "Orender" in Virginia and in other sections of the Country. There is a peculiarity of pronunciation of "Orndorff" which apparently has been very common in the Virginia- West Virginia areas for many generations and still is generally used in those areas where the O's are "indigenous". This quirk makes Orndorff sound like "Ornderf" in some cases and "Ornduff" in others. Considering that both the bearers of the name and the recording clerks might, at best, have been semi-literate, it would not seem too far-fetched to imagine "Ornderf" being recorded as "Orender" or something similar.

There is no doubt that the name "Ornduff" was originally "Orndorff". One place where this change occurred is Washington County in the southwest corner of Virginia. The name Orndorff appears in the records there around 1800 but, in the course of about the next decade, evolved into Ornduff. I am not certain who these first arrivals were, but about 1820 John Orndorff, a brother of my great grandfather, migrated to Washington County from Frederick and in the course of his residence there his name became John Ornduff. Later, he moved to Iowa and reared a large family whose descendants now are wide-spread over the Country, especially in Oregon and Washington, all of them being Ornduffs.

I don't know what to make of the many possible variations of the Mentz name. Looking at the 1790 Census of Pa., I see George Mense in Coalica Twp and George Mentz in Warfield Twp, both in Lancaster County. There were Mensh families in Bucks and Berks Counties, and several Manes and Mans and Minsh. Frankly, I have difficulty in getting enthused over the Mentz connection because there is really very little assurance that there actually was such a connection. The origin of this name in our background is its mention in DWO's directory and I have no idea who gave it to him. Perhaps access to the papers that Mrs. Jasperson is working on will throw some light on this.

Which reminds me of your mention of plans which Mrs. Jasperson is suggesting for a Centennial Orndorff Reunion in 1986. I think this is a grand idea and will certainly be happy to have any of my material made available. However, it would be unduly sanguine for me to assume that I will be around, or mobile, in 1986. I can hope but after all I will be 82 then and one must look at these things realistically. So it would better suit my purposes if we could advance the Reunion about ten years!!

You asked about my dealings with Herr Lück of Siegen. I'll just xerox my file and send it along. As you will see, our communication left much to be desired and I am not certain of just where he looked. He was handicapped in getting around because he didn't drive and had to depend upon his adult son or someone else, or public transportation, to travel around. Also, he was strapped for time since he had a full time job and had to do genealogy in his spare time.

I think you are very ambitious to tackle der Geschlechterbuch and appreciate your letting me know about it. I'll look for it when I get to one of the major libraries. The fact that you found Orndorffs only in the Siegen area is interesting since Herr Luck had expressed a belief that all of them may have come from that area. By the way, if you haven't seen it, you might want to look up a little book ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS OF THE NASSAU-SIEGEN IMMIGRANTS TO VIRGINIA 1714-1750 by B. C. Holtzclaw, for some information about the Freudenberg area. The author's ancestors were among the immigrants and he describes a visit that he made to the area in Germany. (I believe he mentions Herr Lück). In 1734, Johann Henrich Ohrndorf of Klafeld, a suburb of Siegen, married Maria Margreth Holtzclaw. There is no further mention of this Ohrndorf but, in a list of some fifty emigrants from Freudenberg and vicinity to Georgia and then north, was Henrich Ernstorff from Freudenberg, his wife Anna Cathrin and three children. Also, I think he mentions that it was not unusual in Germany at that time for a married couple to take the family name of the wife rather than the husband, so it is conceivable that one of the Holtzclaw families might really have been the couple who were married in 1734.

I am familiar with the CAPON VALLEY book. The references to the Orndorff families are unreliable because the author, Maude Pugh, had to rely on anecdotal sources, with the result that might be expected.

You have mentioned the German name "Ludwig" - isn't this the same as our English "Lewis"?

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Enclosures: Lück papers

Roy O

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Arlington, Virginia 22207
U. S. A.

May 27, 1972

Mr. Alfred Lueck
59 SIEGEN
Wittgensteiner Strasse 57
West Germany

Dear Mr. Lueck:

Thank you for your note of April 24th. Of course, I am disappointed that my ancestor's name was not found in the church archives but I am glad that we were able to have the search made. If you have any suggestions for further looking, whether or not you might do it, I would be glad to know of them.

I am not able to write this in German but I was pleased that I could translate your letter without any help - except the dictionary.

Please let me know how much I owe you for your time and expenses. Oder, auf deutsch, Bitte, was schulde ich Ihnen ?

Again, we did appreciate the kindness we received from you and Mrs. Lueck and your fine son when we were in Siegen. We hope you will look us up whenever you come to Washington.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roy L. Orndorff

Alfred Lück

59 Siegen, den 24.4.1972

Mr. Roy L. Orndorff

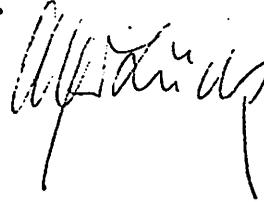
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Sehr geehrter Herr Orndorf!
Seit Ihrem Besuche bin ich nicht untätig gewesen. Alle Kirchenarchive, die ich erreichen konnte, habe ich inzwischen aufgesucht, - aber, obwohl es hunderte von Orndorfs bzw. Ohrndorfs gibt, findet sich nicht einer mit dem Namen Johannes Peter. Bitte glauben Sie mir, daß ich mir die größte Mühe gegeben habe. Es ist leider nichts weiter über Ihren Vorfahr zu finden. Das tut mir sehr leid.

Herzliche Grüße

Ihr



Johannes Peter
in red.

Very honored Mr. Orndorf !

Since your visit I have not been inactive. All church records I can reach I have meanwhile searched, - but, although there are hundreds of Orndorfs respectively Ohrndorfs, there was found no one with the name Johannes Peter. Please believe me that I have gone to great pains. There is unfortunately nothing further about your ancestors to find. That makes me very sorry.

Cordial Greetings

Yours

Alfred Lück

*Eine gute
Übersetzung!*
← by Carol Cricker
(Orndorf's daughter)

Translation by RLO(?)

ROY L. ORNDORFF
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

November 19, 1971

Mr. Alfred Lueck
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Dear Mr. Lueck:

I hope you will excuse my delay in thanking you and Mrs. Lueck for the very kind reception you gave us when we were in Siegen in September. Your son's courtesy and assistance also are remembered. We returned home on October 8th but found many things requiring attention after our nearly six weeks absence. I found your letter in the accumulated mail and you will understand from this why I had not let you know just when we would reach Siegen. Your letter was correctly addressed and I can't imagine why it was not delivered before our departure on September 1st. However, I was very glad to have it.

We enjoyed looking around Freudenberg the next day and then returned to Siegen in the afternoon and spent some time in the Schloss Museum, which we found very interesting. In the evening, we happened on a telephone directory and were surprised at the large number of Ohrendorfs-Ohrendorfs in the area. It does seem that in that number, some should have an interest in family data but I believe you saw little prospect of help from that source.

In my earlier letter, I gave you the names of the three immigrants who arrived on October 2, 1753, in whom I am most interested. (Apparently, all three of these signed their names). It may be of some value to you to have other names that I have found in my reading. Most of this information came from I. Daniel Rupp's Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants to Pennsylvania from 1727 to 1776, and Koger, who provided an index to the Rupp lists. Other sources were Egle's lists of immigrant oaths of allegiance and Strassberger and Hinke Pennsylvania German Pioneers. The additional names are:

Johann Heinrich Ahrendorff - In Livingston Manor, New York, in the Winter of 1710. This name apparently was, or soon became, Orndorff and has persisted in New York State where people of this name still live in the Herkimer County area.

Peter Arnsdorf - There appear to be two persons of this name among the Saltz-
burgers who settled in Georgia in 1734-41. Not long ago, I heard of a present-day descendant of one of these.

Hermanus Orendorff - Arrived on October 8, 1738 on ship Charming Nancy, accompanied by Anna Margareta. Signed his name. Settled in Pennsylvania.

Johann Christian Ohrendorff - Arrived September 26, 1741, with whose record you are familiar. Signed by mark.

Johannes Orendorff - Arrived on September 9, 1765, on ship Chance. Signed his name.

Johann Heinrich Ohrendorff - Arrived on October 31, 1765, on ship Betsy. Signed his name.

There are other somewhat similar names, including Obendorff and Oberdorff.

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Miss Grace Drake has sent me a pamphlet How to Find my German Ancestors and Relations, 1969, by Dr. Heinz F. Friedrichs, published by Verlag Degener & Co., Inh. Gerhard Gessner, DE530 Neustadt (Aisch), (West Germany), P. O. Box 1340. It has an English text containing a great deal of historical material. Also, there is a list of German archives with which, I expect, you are familiar. However, for Westphalen the following sources are given:

Personenstandsarchiv für Kirchenbücher und Zivilstandsregister, D 4930 Detmold, Willi-Hofmann-Str.2

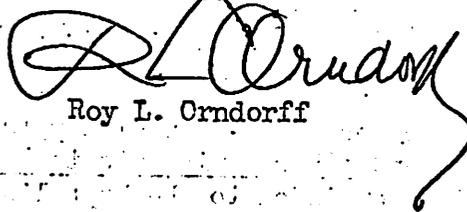
Staatsarchiv, D 4400 Münster, Fohlweg 2

Staatsarchiv, D 4930 Detmold, Willi-Hofmann-Str. 2

I appreciate your willingness to assist me in my family search and I will be interested in anything you can uncover. Perhaps it would preclude any possible misunderstanding if, before getting too deeply involved, you would inform me of your rates and bases of charging for your work.

Again, we are deeply grateful for the hospitality you and Mrs. Lueck showed to us in Siegen.

Sincerely,



Roy L. Orndorff

Alfred Lück

Wirtschafts-Archivar

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11. August 1971

Mr.

Roy L. Orndorff

4624 23rd Road, North

A r l i n g t o n, Virginia 22207

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter from July 20. You'll be welcome about the 8th or 10th September. Just now I'm beginning a study-trip through southern France, but I'll be back after two weeks. Then I'll go to Freudenberg and look for "your" Ohrendorfs in the records of the reformed church. Nearly all Ohrendorfs came from this little town or from its neighbourhood. You should see this little town with its black and white framework at all events.

My command of English is a very little one. I learned English at school 45 years ago ~~and~~ but I had only twice the occasion to speak it. But I think, we'll understand another, in case of need we'll talk by the aid of hands and feet.

If possible, please give us out of Munich or Frankfurt or so some information about the precise day of your arrival at Siegen.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred Lück

I did not receive this until Oct 9th on our return from the trip. We had left on Sept 1st. Herr Lück did not tell me (when we talked at Siegen on Sept 8th) that

4524 23rd Road, North
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July 20, 1971

Mr. Alfred Lueck
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Wittgensteiner Strasse 57
West Germany

Dear Sir:

I have your name from Miss Julia Drake's book The Christian Orndorff Family in Germany. My family is a separate one from Miss Drake's, in this country at least. We believe we are descended from a Johannes Peter Orndorff, age 19, who arrived in America on October 2, 1753, on the ship Edinburgh. On the same ship there were two others: Johann Conrad Orndorff, 30, and Philip Henrich Orndorff, 33.

My interest in the family history goes back many years and now that I will have an opportunity to visit Germany this September, I would like to make the most of it. My wife and I plan to go to Munich in early September and spend about two weeks travelling in a rented car. So we might be in the Siegen area about the 8th or 10th. My knowledge of the German language is very limited and I would not expect to be able to do any research of records on my own.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if I might be able to see you during our visit and whether you would be available to do some research, either in the Orndorff notes you already have or in the original records, or both, to try to determine whether the emigrants named above came from the Nassau-Siegen area, and any other information about them. Of course, I would expect to pay the prevailing rates for your time and services. I understand from Miss Drake's book that you have some command of English. Unless your English is much better than our German, we would need an interpreter!!

An early word from you as to whether you think you can help us will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Roy L. Orndorff

*Enclosed by
P.R.B.A.C. Card
and international
Return Stamp.*

*Not original
1977*

[Handwritten signature]

ROY L. ORNDORFF
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

December 13, 1976

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

As always, your letter of December 5th and its enclosures were most welcome. It so happens that we both have been looking at the Pennsylvania Archives and I was trying to finish up the enclosed summary of my notes when your letter came. (I'll send a copy to Mrs. Jaspersen)

Advice that I had received (from Mrs. Westhaeffer, past president of NGS) agrees with your understanding of the meaning of "inmates" in those records. I am intrigued - but not necessarily convinced - by your assumption that the John and Philip Orndorff who were in Shester County in 1767 were my ancestors. I am aware that the Illinois directories place these men in or near Philadelphia at about that time and that J. Barclay O. mentions that "records show" that Philip lived in Chester County. Regarding the latter, that author has no standing, in my estimation. In any event, there is a generation problem here. Philip was 38 in 1753, according to the ship lists, and Philip in the Archives records seems to have been head of a household in 1765. But my Philip ancestor was married in 1782 and had children born as late as 1802, according to our information. So this sequence hardly seems likely. *John would work out better age wise.*

Enclosed is a fragment from a 1765 Township Map of Chester County which you probably have seen in the Pa. Archives, Series 3, Vol. 11. From current maps, the concerned townships are still about the same except for subdivision of some into "East" and "West". I was glad to see that St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pikeland Township is shown. It looks as if Johannes Ohrendorff might have lived in Vincent Township and still have been within two or three miles of this church - probably an acceptable distance on horseback.

Regarding the iron furnace theory, I found the Bining book that you mentioned at the NGS Library and found it most interesting. The Appendix listing the early ironworks is very helpful although some of the locations are not very specific. At any rate there were several establishments on French Creek, which, as shown on the map, cuts across Vincent Tp. I am trying to follow up on a tip of a man in Pennsylvania who has more information on furnace locations.

One thing leads to another - now I am wondering about Hermanus Orndorff as possibly the father of the John O. of 1766 Chester County. Hermanus and Anna Margareta, presumably his wife, arrived on the Charming Nancy on October 8, 1737. On the same ship was George Mentz with ~~three~~ females, presumably his wife and daughters. This is the only Mentz listed in the index to the Strassburger-Hinke book. According to "tradition", as recorded in the Illinois directories, my first ancestor John in Frederick County, Virginia, had first married Elizabeth Mentz and they lived in or near Philadelphia and had several children. She seems to have died at about the time he came to Virginia, and he later married Hannah McIlwee and they had more children. I trace to son William of the first group and son David of the second!! Would it not seem reasonable that the Hermanus O. and George Mentz families might have been traveling together, kept in touch in America and that a son of the Ohrendorff's eventually married a daughter of the Mentz's? This I'll put on the list for further work.

With many thanks and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

Roy Orndorff

ROY L. ORNDORFF
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October 13, 1976

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Your interesting letter of September 8th was here when we returned last week from a month in Europe but there were so many things to be attended to after our absence that I'm just now getting to genealogical matters. We were not in Germany this time but mostly in France and Britain, with a short trip to Belgium and Holland, so I have nothing to report except that there are no Orndorffs or Ohrendorffs listed in the phone books of any of the major cities that we visited.

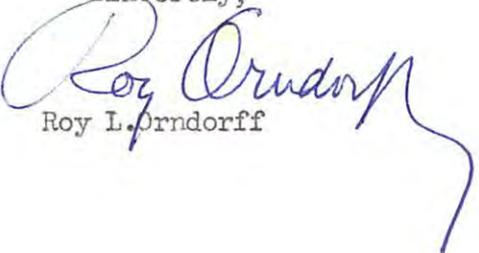
I appreciate very much having the note on Joannes Ohrendorff in Pike-land Township, Chester County, Pa., in 1771. I did not have this information. As you surmise, this might well be my ancestor, John Orndorff No.1. There is some slight evidence that John No.1 was engaged in iron production. He lived on a farm which was owned by Col. Isaac Zane, adjoining the iron furnace which Zane acquired in or about 1767. I have a record that John was there as early as 1777. So the 1771 date in Chester County would fit. Now I'll try to find if there were any iron works in Pikeland Township.

It seems to me that some months ago I looked at a Chester County book of early wills and intestate proceedings, but I don't find my notes now. I'm pretty certain there were no O's but I'll try to recheck it at the NGS Library where I think I saw it.

You are certainly amassing a world of information on your Orndorff lines and I hope you will reach a point before too long that you can put it on a family group chart.

Again, your kindness in sharing your findings is much appreciated.

Sincerely,


Roy L. Orndorff

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August 8, 1976

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Your mention of the Henry Orndorff in Baltimore in 1762 reminds me of several other unexplained references to people of that name in the early days. In the 1790 Census of Virginia, there was a Henry Orendore (Orndorff ?) in Fairfax County which is near Washington. Then Christian Hines in his EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF WASHINGTON CITY tells of Henry Orandorff who lived on 7th Street between B Street (now Independence Avenue) and Maryland Avenue about 1802 or 1803. In the 1810 Census of Virginia, there was a Henry Orendorff in Amherst County and Henry Oringduff in Jefferson County. In the 1820 Census of Ohio, there was a Henry Orndorff in Muskingum County (he was a hotel operator and stage line agent for many years) and another of the same name in Perry County. I have not been able to identify any of these Henrys with my line of Orndorffs.

at Zanesville

No, I have not made any systematic search of Pennsylvania county records for leads on my ancestors. I have had this in mind as a possible project but have never been able to spare the time. My particular interests, I think, would be in Chester, Lancaster and Bucks Counties. From time to time, I have scanned what is available in the NGS, LC, DAR and Archives Libraries but haven't found much there. As you suggest, a few days in Philadelphia might be very worthwhile.

It seems to me that some research on indentured servants or "redemptioners" as the Germans seem to have been called, might well be productive. From what I have read on the subject, I understand that these arrangements were covered by formal contracts which were recorded and recognized by the City and Provincial authorities. From what we know of the conditions under which our people had lived for generations in Germany, it would not seem likely that many of them could have accumulated the wherewithall to finance the journey to America. I inquired about records of these contracts to Mr. Walker at Archives several months ago. He thinks many of them are extant but badly scattered. As far as he knows, no one has ever attempted to compile a comprehensive list or index. He was under the impression that some fragmented lists were published in the Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, and I intend to look for these when I have the opportunity.

I deeply appreciate your kindness in keeping me informed of the progress of your studies.

Sincerely,
Roy Orndorff
Roy L. Orndorff

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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

April 25, 1976

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

Your recent letters and the phone call have been much appreciated. Since the first of the year, other and, I suppose, more urgent demands on my time and energy have forced me to suspend just about all genealogical activity. Some of these pressures seem to be easing up now and I hope to get back to the records in coming months.

The material on Mr. Cecil McDonald's SOME VIRGINIA MARRIAGES 1700-1799, looked interesting and I sent an order but haven't received it. Re your note about Catherine Orndorff of Pennsylvania who married George Wisecarver, a soldier in the Revolution, I note that J. Barclay O mentions her on page 34 of his book (which you probably have by this time). I am glad you told me of the COLONISTS IN BONDAGE book which I'm trying to locate through our library. This is a subject that I have been anxious to explore in my search for antecedents of John, Philip and Lewis Orndorff of Virginia.

Mrs. Jasperson has been keeping me posted on her project which sounds like a colossal one. I have been chasing those files (of Darius W. Orndorff) for ten years or more in the hope that they would reveal information supplied by my relatives of three or four generations ago.

Your findings about the early Orndorffs of Adams-Frederick-Carroll-Lebanon Counties and their church connections are most interesting. To me, they seem to have exhibited more ecumenity than I had thought possible in those times.

I was reminded of your interest in a possibility of a Germany-Russia-America pattern of Orndorff migration when I saw the map of ethnic distributions in Russia in the National Geographic Magazine for February. The distances eastward that are indicated are surprising. Speaking of magazines, I suppose you see the GENEALOGICAL HELPER and have noted an article on research in Germany starting in the current issue. Answering a question you asked about searching in German periodicals - no, I haven't attempted it. My knowledge of the language is almost nil, unfortunately, and is of the "kitchen" type. I'll be interested in anything more that you find from the German genealogical index. I see Schlangenbad on the map and note that it is about 50 miles from Freudenberg. Herr Lueck expressed a belief that probably all the Orndorffs were from the general area of Freudenberg-Siegen (which would not exclude Schlangenbad) but here again he may have been over-simplifying.

Again, I thank you for your generosity in sharing the fruits of your research efforts with me.

Sincerely,

Roy Orndorff

ROY L. ORNDORFF
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January 20, 1976

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

I've gotten some copies of the old Illinois booklets and am sending you the remaining sheets of the 1898 edition. Along with it, I'll send a set of the Milo Custer 1919 pamphlet. I have a note that Custer was Custodian of the McLean County, Illinois, Historical Society in 1911, a poet, one of his works being titled "On Pendleton Mountain", and his grandfather was from Rockingham County, Virginia. I believe he had some Orndorff connection. The information in his pamphlet is mostly taken from the Darius W. Orendorff directories but there may be a little additional. Please don't bother about the xeroxing cost - after all the material you have sent me, you don't owe me anything.

I hope you and Mrs. Hannum have been in communication by now. The question of religion of the immigrants is certainly interesting but I doubt if there is any more that I can contribute now. I do suspect, on further reflection, that Herr Lueck may have over-emphasized the reluctance of the Protestants of the 18th century to use the name Peter. Regarding present generations, the enclosed clippings from the Gettysburg paper illustrate the preference of these people. The same seems to hold for the Orndorffs who live in the Thurmont-Emmitsburg area of Frederick County, Maryland, and in Carroll County. I have heard that there is an "ORNDORFF CEMETERY" a few miles south of Carlisle, Pa., but I haven't been there and don't know if it has a church connection.

My home phone number is (703)-243-3158 and the office is (202)-737-6250. My schedule is very loose but usually I am at the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from about 10:30 to 3:00. It will be good to talk with you if you can make it on the WATTS line.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Roy Orndorff

P. S. Concerning the Illinois Directories, the following comment may have some interest. It was made to me in a letter dated December 4, 1939, from J. R. Orndorff of Baltimore, the co-author with Julia Drake of the book FROM MILLWHEEL TO PLOWSHARE:

" I have a copy of the American Orendorff Family Directory gotten out by D. W. Orendorff of Hopedale, Illinois. This was first issued about 1886, bound in green cover, and at a later date, in a pink cover. The latter was very poorly gotten up. Mr. Orendorff explained to me at that time that it was due to the fact that he had a very poor assortment of type, and was compelled to use capital letters in many of the words, because he did not have a sufficient number of the small letters. I presume you got one of the later copies. The first copy was very distinct, but the information contained in it was very limited. For your information, I worked with Mr. D. W. Orendorff and furnished quite a lot of the data for his proposed genealogy, when I was attending college."

Orndorff

Jan. 18, 1976
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Mr. Roy L. Orndorff
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Dear Mr. Orndorff,

Thank you for Mrs. Hannun's address and the other information. A quick glance at my census notes shows this David and Rebecca Orendorff (1850 census) and they do not appear to fit into the Peter Orndorff line that I know of.

Church or rather cemetery records I have checked in Adams Co. Pa. show Orndorffs, some of which were Catholic (Conewago cemetery and another Catholic cemetery in the Germany township where Peter, Jr. lived). Most of them are not traceable to the Peter Orndorff line to my knowledge.

There is also an Orndorff line in the records of the Lower Bermudian Church (Protestant) of Latimore Twp. with children's baptisims beginning 1772. He name Henrich Orndorff and the first son in these records is Johan Henrich. He does not belong to the Peter Orndorff line, nor Conrad's to my knowledge.

There are some Orndorffs buried in cemeteries other than Catholic. The entire card file index to Adams Co. Cemeteries is on microfilm and I copied all the entries of persons born up to about 1875 named Orndorff.

I decided it would be interesting to see the John Barclay O. book and so I wrote to his daughter. She has not yet sent it, but she commented that she had heard something about a connection between the Orndorffs and Russian history as well. She never investigated since the possibilities for research in that area seemed so remote.

I joined the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, (inorder to obtain their help and their genealogical publication "Clues". Most of their records are from 19th century emigrations from Russia. They referred me to the Center for Baltic Studies. There were Germans in that area of Russia since the 1500's.

There are also rolls of microfilm of Germans who emigrated to Russia and other places including some dating back to the 16th century. The German script is so difficult to read though that I don't think

I can accomplish much with them unless I sit down and learn to read this kind of script. I have a hard enough time just reading German! (I have had a course in translation of scientific German)

I do have some interesting news to report to you today.

from the records of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Taneytown:

p. 5	Anna Maria	Born Feb. 15 1793	Parents	Peter & Rosina
		Bapt. Apr. 20, 1793		Orndorff

11	Georg	Born Feb. 21 1801	Parents	Peter & Rosina
		Bapt Aug. 2 1801		Orndorff

p.175 Rosanna Orndorff Buried Sept. 5, 1842 83 yrs. 6 mo.

There are many other family names in this church's records. I noted however that Rosanna was listed as a communicant but Peter Jr. (her husband) was not in the communicant of membership list. All the lists were not printed, however.

also from Lutheran (Evangelical) Church St. Mary's-Silver Run, Md.

Joh. Georg	Born 14 Apr 1793	Parents	Abr. & Barb. Ohrendorff
Cath.	29 Jan 1795	"	
(this date for Catherine's birth is one year off from Smith family bible)			

Nancy 8 Mar 1797

Joh. 11 Apr 1799

According to my records this couple also had another child Elizabeth in 1801. She is not listed in these records. The Fünfrok (Finfrock) name is also here, probably brother's-in-law of Abraham.

Of particular interest in these same records was the listing of a Maria Ohrendorff, (a single person) as a godparent in 1791. This is almost surely Abraham and Peter's sister. Peter and Abraham could have been Catholic and married a Protestant, but Maria if a Catholic, was not likely to have been godparent to a Catholic Lutheran child.

You will recall I have found Conrad Orndorff's name listed in the

index to an Evangelical Lutheran Church St. Benjamin's or Kriders Pipe Creek. Also there are other Orndorff names including a Mary Orndorff. I have not yet seen these records.

I am also investigating another interesting possibility. Peter, Jr. supposedly married a Rosanna Piper..Since the third son was named Jacob I looked for a will of a Jacob Piper. There was a Jacob Piper in Washington Co. Md. who named a daughter Rosanna. This Jacob Piper had a wife named Elizabeth. This was the name of Peter and Rosanna's oldest daughter. Unfortunately the will did not give the daughter's married name. I am in the process of contacting the Piper family historian for more information.

This is the same Jacob Piper mentioned in the "From Mill Wheel.." book as a close friend of Christian Orndorff and Christopher Orendorff was executor of his estate. Much depends on whether Rosina was one of the older children of Jacob and Elizabeth Piper. If she was one of the younger children (she was named last in his will) then she would have been too young to have married about 1785, assuming my records are essentially correct.

In trying to locate early Catholic church records in Frederick County I heard from a pastor of the church in Frederick, Md. Records exist only from 1811 on. He also mentioned the Orndorff road and said it isⁱⁿ the immediate vicinity of Mt. St. Mary's College. He knew a man of that name that worked at the school.

That's about it for now. I have written to Mrs. Hannum. Will be looking forward to hearing from you again.

Sincerely,

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December 30, 1975

Mrs. Camilla Berger
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Dear Mrs. Berger:

This won't be a response to your most interesting letter of December 9th but rather is to send you the address of Mrs. Hannum whom I had mentioned. My file of correspondence with her is still evading me but, fortunately, I was able to locate the publication where I had found her name. Consequently, I am happy to enclose a copy of the page titled "The Lineage of Barbara Hannum" showing her line back to David Orendorff and Rebecca Reese of Carroll County, Maryland. You will note her name and address in the lower lefthand corner.

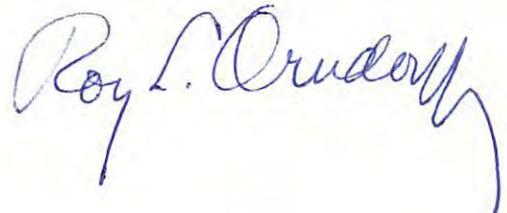
Also enclosed is a fragment print from a USGS topo map showing the area just northeast of Westminster -Cranberry Valley- where Mrs. Hannum's Orendorffs lived.

Re your question about a spelling of Johannes Peter's name as "Petter" - I saw this too but I believe it is just a transcribing error. The third enclosed sheet, I believe, originally came from the carefully lithographed copy of the original as printed in STRASSBURGER. As you can see, there is ample opportunity for different construing of the spellings.

I'll reply further to your letter in the next few weeks. With best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Copy to Mrs. Hannum



Jan. 2, 1976
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Mr. Orndorff,

Thank you very much for a copy of your notes on the Pa. Archives. You seem to have done a very thorough job with those you have checked. I didn't have too much time and didn't check for all the various spellings as you did with such good results.

I have been doing quite a lot of research on the Herman Orendorff of early Lebanon. Land records seem to indicate that the Herman who emigrated in 1737 and mentioned in the JRO-DRake book p. 2 is the same Herman who died in 1778 or thereabouts leaving a wife Catharine and a number of children. The intestate records show that all of these children but one seemed to be under 21. The eldest, apparently- Teresa was married so she was either over 21 or her married status didn't require a guardian. Since this record showed the distribution of his estate to his children we have a good idea of this man's family. Eventually the other family members signed over their share to the eldest son Lawrence. So it seems pretty certain that your John O. in Chester County is not one of his children.

However, Margaret Jasperson tells me that DMO's records indicate that it was a Jacob Orndorff who was the father of the John O. who married Mentz and had "all those children" as she put it. She said she thought you had told you this previously but I thought I'd pass it along in case you hadn't. You had never mentioned this. She also said that there was a Jacob that DMO kept saying had come over on the ship with Christian O.

I thought it very interesting that the only Mentz you found was on the ship with Herman. Have you considered any variations in spelling on this name. I will add it to my list of names that I regularly check in appropriate areas for Orndorffs.

Speaking of names, I have a book of records on Adams Co. Pa. (just across from Carroll Co., Md.) and there is a Henkins name mentioned in about 1840. It is the only time I remember seeing it anywhere, although I haven't looked too hard.

Another interesting item: I have been corresponding with a man who wrote the history of the Catholic Church in Lebanon, Pa. It was on Herman O.'s property that the first chapel and cemetery were built, and services were held (after the deterioration of the first church) in a room of the Orendorff farm until about 1806. He sent me some information he had, some deeds and some maps showing the Orendorff (Herman) property. It also showed the adjoining landowners. There were many names that I expected to see, Eckel, Miller, Weybel, etc. but there was also the name Ziebolt. Correction, just checked and the name Ziebolt was not on the actual tract maps but from a written record. It was a Christopher Ziebolt who owned land bordering Herman's at the time of Herman's death, c. 1778. This, I feel is probably the Seibel name again which I found associated with Conrad Orendorff in Frederick County, Md. In the Chester County church records, you will recall, there was a Seibold name which I called to your attention, "S" pronounced like "z" in German, of course, and d and t are alike, at end of word.

On these surveys of the land of Herman and Christian O. there is also a Jacob Swoope nearby whose warrant was dated 1759. This Swoope name was also prominent in the same church where I found Conrad O. and the Seibel family. This may or may not be significant

Jan 2 1976

This Herman Orndorff, died 1778, is somewhat of a puzzle since he is listed in both early Protestant (before 1750) and then later Catholic records. His children are listed (those that I've found) in Catholic churches and it is probably his daughter Maria Christena who married my Mathias Orendorff. Their daughter Catharine married Jacob O., the son of my Peter, Jr.

We have also established that there was a John Orendorff (married Margaret, daughter of Daniel and Mary Clark) listed in Elizabethtown and Lebanon areas beginning about 1767 and mentioned as dead in 1803. We know for sure he left one son Herman (thank heavens for land records). He might also be the father of my Mathias and Margaret Jaspersen's Christopher and the same ^{man as} Johann Heinrich son of Christian I, but we can't be sure. Johann Heinrich was mentioned in Moravian records as having gone to the Donegal area (vicinity of Elizabethtown) but there is also the Heinrich O. of Adams County church records with sons John, John Henry and Christian to contend with. It is all so fascinating and you just can't afford to take anything for granted.

Incidentally, all the children listed in the intestate record of Herman appear to be by his wife Catherine since all were under 21 except one in 1778 and Herman and Catharine were mentioned in 1749 church record. If he was also the father of the Maria. Marg. of the 1739 record then that child and any others might have died.

I will be happy to provide you with copies of these survey maps and the other information I have acquired from Mr. Foster in Pennsylvania if you think they would be helpful.

There are no official church records concerning Herman, just the deeds which mention his property as the place for the early church grounds, and the accounts of some early diaries. Regular sacramental records begin around 1796. I have been trying to have these examined and hope that some early death records, if available-will shed light on some of these people.

If all goes well, we hope to take our children to the east coast this year and one place we want them to see is Washington, Dc. If I have the chance I'll try to phone you and maybe we can chat for a while. My husband is now a consultant in business for himself, and we no longer have a WATS line connection. I really miss that!

Please let me know if you want any of these materials copied.

Sincerely,

Feb. 6, 1976
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Mr. Roy L. Orndorff
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Dear Mr. Orndorff,

Thank you again for the materials that you have sent. I am glad that you sent these items since they have already helped me. I finally realized that the "Dice" name mentioned with a John and Christian in Adams Co. Pa. is the nickname for Mathias Orendorff. I am still puzzled about these Adams Co. groups. There seems to have been a John, Christian, and Dice (Mathias) and also a John and Lawrence. I will have to do a lot more work to sort them out. I know that you probably don't have any information on them but if you are ever contacted by anyone working on these lines please let me know.

I finally was able to examine the church records which listed Conrad Ohrendorff. This was at St. Benjamin's (Kriders) Evang. Luth. Church near Westminster. Michael and Christena Dany's (Taney) youngest child Jacob was christened there although it gives here name as Cath. in the records. Maybe her name was Catherina Christena. Her father Conrad was the sponsor along with his wife Barbara. However it is more likely that it was his DAUGHTER Barbara and not his wife. A Maria Catharina Ohrendorffin was a sponsor for a child in 1773 and she is probably his wife Catherine.

Also listed in this record is the family of Joseph Orndorff (son of Peter, Jr.) and his wife Mary (Byers)-(There is a sketch of this Byers family in Williams Hist. of Fred. County) Two of their children were baptized here.

There are also Finfrock and Smith names. But very interesting to see was a listing of Mrs. Barbara Hannum's Reese family. From the materials she has sent she hasn't looked at these records. Rebecca Reese is listed and some other names, probably her parents and brothers and sisters. Also in 1836 a Mary Orndorff, (spelled Orendorf, excuse me), probably Joseph's wife.

Knowing of the connection between the Peter and Mathias lines and knowing that Mrs. Hannum's David O. was Catholic it is quite likely she (Rebecca Reese) met David O. through this ~~Joseph~~ Orndorff family. They were contemporaries.

The legibility in the original church records, according to the introduction, was ~~very~~ poor and even in the typescript which I viewed there were a number of frames which were blurred but I believe I found all the references to Orndorff names. There was a list of the earliest members of the church (at the very latest 1770, probably earlier) and there was no Orndorff name on it. The earliest church record I have found for the name was 1773 as I quoted before on the first page.

I understand that the signatures on the passenger list which you sent are supposed to be those of the men themselves, excepting those who could not write their names and made a mark instead. In determining the identities of these persons wouldn't it be possible to compare these signatures with signatures of the Conrad and Peter Orndorff in Maryland? This is so obvious I am sure it must have occurred to you before. Perhaps their names could be found on some of the early land records, debt books or something like that. I am fairly certain that the original wills, not the recorded wills, are at the Hall of Records at Annapolis, Md. Their Bulletin indicates they have recorded wills 1748-1930 and ORIGINAL wills 1748-1789. Since Peter died in 1786 his original will must be there. (Page 4, Bulletin No. 17 Guide to the Index Holdings at the Hall of Records). Just how accessible the original wills are I have no idea.

I am glad to be able to help Mrs. Hannum. I also found the birth record of Abraham Orndorff and Barbara Finfrock's children, or at least the first four of their five children, for Mrs. Wallis and her grandmother Mary Buzzard. Also found a Barbara Finfrock with a Henry Finfrock named as her father at confirmation. Later his wife is named, Catherine. I have as much enjoyment finding things for other people as I do for myself. Still haven't found Peter, Sr. or Peter, Jr.'s other children. Will keep on looking. The descendants of Abraham Orndorff in Illinois (Mrs. Wallis and Buzzard) seem to have the impression that the Orndorffs came from Pa. to Md. Will keep on looking.

Someone told me they had spoken to someone in my area here who had Orndorffs in Virginia but they can't remember who. I'm trying to find out who it is and will put them in touch with you if and when I do.

It won't be necessary for you to respond to this particular letter unless you have a particular reason to. I'll try and call you soon. It will be in the evening since I can only call after business hours.

n Sincerely,

Camilla A. Berger

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Mrs. Camilla Berger
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November 23, 1975

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Thank you for your interesting letter of October 15th and the enclosures. I guess I am overwhelmed at the scope of your project and the thoroughness with which you are pursuing it. My own research, such as it has been, has always been limited by lack of time and, probably more importantly, mental laziness. It is very doubtful that I can add anything of significance to what you have but I'll attempt to comment on your paragraphs.

First, I think there is little doubt that your Peter and Conrad Orndorff of Carroll County, Maryland, were the Johannes Peter and Johann Conrad of the October 2, 1753 ship lists. One bit of information pointing to this relates to religious affiliation. In Julia Drake's Christian Orndorff Family in Germany, you may have noted that one of the German genealogists who helped her was Herr Alfred Lueck of Siegen. I had written to Herr Lueck seeking help on establishing any background in Germany for the three 1753 immigrants and then, when we were in that part of Germany in 1973, I had the opportunity to talk with him at some length. One point that he made was that Johannes Peter almost certainly was a Roman Catholic since, in the religious bitterness of the early 1700's in Germany, no Protestant family would have used the name Peter. To the best of my knowledge, all of the early Orndorffs in America were Protestants except for the families in Carroll County, Maryland and Adams County, Pennsylvania (and that vicinity), who seem to have been, through all the generations, members of the Catholic Church. Incidentally, Herr Lueck was not able to find anything about the 1753 trio in the records of the Siegerland.

I have not encountered any records of the Peter-Conrad family in Virginia. There were some Orndorffs who were not of my family in eastern Frederick County, Virginia, (Shepherdstown-Berryville area) and, I believe, in Berkely County in the early 1800's, but these were pretty certainly of the Christian Orndorff family across the Potomac in Maryland.

The legends about the Russian background are entirely new to me. Such sources do constitute a problem because sometimes there is a grain of truth in them - however mutilated by generations of telling and retelling.

I can't explain the absence of a will for Peter, Jr., in Frederick County, Maryland, since his area did not become Carroll County until 1837 while he died in 1828.

In travelling to Pennsylvania over Route U. S. 15 in recent years, I have noticed an official sign "Orndorff Road" on a road intersecting #15 from the east about five miles south of the Pa-Md line. I've never had time to explore it but I wonder if it might lead to the Orndorff homesteads and cemetery.

You asked about the booklet American Orndorff Families, compiled by Darius W. Orndorff (I'm sorry, it's Orendorff) of Illinois, and published by the Illinois Orndorff Reunion Association. Yes, I have copies of two editions, one issued in 1888 or 1889 and organized by family lines, and the other in 1898 on a geographic location plan. Also, there is a leaflet titled Orendorff Genealogy published in 1919 in Springfield, Illinois, by Milo Custer. His information is extracted almost entirely from the D. W. Orendorff works. I'll enclose the pages covering Maryland from the 1898 edition. Should you wish copies of the entire booklets I'll work out a way to handle the xeroxing.

One small item on Conrad Orndorff - I have a note that his name appears on a list of persons taking the oath of allegiance in Frederick County, Maryland, in 1778.

Re Mrs. G.L. Tawney - I'll enclose a copy of a letter she wrote me in 1971. My reply addressed to the box indicated was not returned so perhaps you can reach her there.

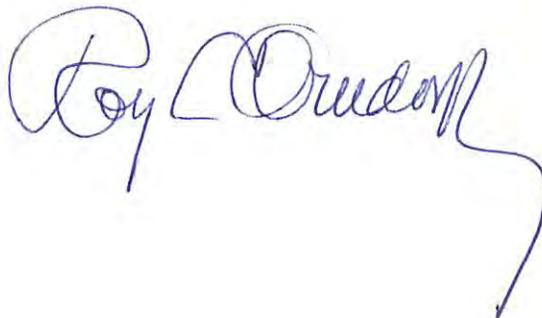
I have had correspondence with another lady who is descended from Carroll County Orndorffs but I'm embarrassed to find that I have mislaid my file on her. Her name, I recall, is Mrs. Barbara Hannum and she was trying to trace a David Orndorff whose daughter married a Woolery. The dates she had for her David didn't seem to fit the David, son of Peter, Jr., listed in the old letter. Mrs. Hannum lives in southwestern Ohio and I think the town may be Franklin. If I can find her address I'll send it to you.

You may hear from Lt. Col. Jerry Asher of San Clemente who has Orndorff connections and, probably, is a kinsman of mine. We have exchanged information for some years and, since you are neighbors, I gave him your name and address.

I am sorry that I am unable to furnish you more specific information for your search. I wish you success and hope you will let me know if you think I can be of any assistance. Also, I will appreciate knowing if you find proof that Peter and Conrad were Johannes Peter and Johann Conrad.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roy Orndorff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

P.O. Box AM
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April 3, 1971

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Dear Mr. Orndorff:

In response to your ORENDORF advertisement in the recent copy of the Genealogical Helper, we have an Orindurf married into the Tawney family as follows:

WILL of MICHAEL TAWNEY (Tany, Dani) of Frederick County, Md.
dated August 6, 1784
names

Wife Christina
Ch: Christena)
Elisabeth) All Minors.
Abraham)
Jacob)

Executors: Father-in-Law CONRAD ORINGDURF
Friend Frederick Crissman

In a Deed acknowledged March 27, 1790 in Baltimore County, Md. Christina Tawney, now remarried to Daniel Lyster, and CONRAD ORONDORF sold the land Christina had inherited from her late husband, Michael Tawney.

In the Frederick County, Md. Deed Index the only records of CONRAD ORNDORFF are:

Sept. 23, 1771 Bk 0-579 CONRAD ORNDORFF, Grantee
Ruedich Swoope, Grantor

Nov. 16, 1779 Bk WR 2-310 CONRAD ORNDORFF, Grantor
Geor Haynes, Grantee

Do you have any information about this CONRAD ORNDORFF? Particularly where he lived in Frederick County, where & when Christina Orndorff married Michael Tawney, any data on previous residence of CONRAD?

Any information you might have on Michael Tawney (Tany, Dani), son of Adam Tawney (Dani) & any other Tawney data would be very welcome.

Sincerely yours,

G.L. Tawney
Mrs. G.L. Tawney

Enc.

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October 8, 1975

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*Answered
10/15/75*

Dear Mrs. Berger:

This is in response to your notice in the September issue of THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER seeking information on the parents and wife of Peter Orndorff (1734-1786) of Maryland. The enclosure won't answer your question but it may add something of interest. It is one of several fragments of an old letter which I recovered from papers of my grandmother who died in 1919. It was written by Mrs. E. E. Orndorff of Delavan, Illinois, who was Secretary of the Orndorff Reunion Association and who died in 1891. The addressee is not shown but I expect it was my great-grandfather, James W. Orndorff.

It seems that, over the years, I have become the informal historian of the Orndorff family that originated in northwestern Virginia in the late 1700's. In 1782, there were three families of Orndorffs, headed by John, Philip and Lewis, in Frederick County, Virginia. My paternal line is from Philip but we have connections to John, also. In the course of some twenty-five years of collecting, I have assembled a very considerable amount of data. While my primary interest has been in this family, information on other groups of this and similar names has also come to me.

The Peter and Conrad Orndorff that you mention have been of particular interest to me because of what I believe to be confusion between them and our ancestors. One writer, John Barclay Orndorff, a relative of mine, in his book JOHN ORNDORFF PENNSYLVANIA PIONEER AND HIS ANCESTORS, 1953, relates positively but without documentation that John, Philip and Lewis were the three individuals, Johannes Peter Orndorff, Johann Conrad Orndorff and Philip Heinrich Orndorff who arrived at Philadelphia on October 2, 1753, on the ship Edinburgh. I am inclined to believe that this assumption is pure fiction but, at the same time, I have not been able to disprove it nor to establish a connection of John, Philip and Lewis with any of the several Orndorff individuals and groups recorded in the ship lists.

I have been aware of the Peter and Conrad who were living in an area of Frederick County, Maryland, that is now Carroll County and of a number of Orndorff families in that vicinity in Maryland and Pennsylvania nowadays whom I believe to be descendants of Peter. However, I have not been able to establish communication with anyone who is knowledgeable of the family background. My strong suspicion is that Peter and Conrad were the Johannes Peter and Johann Conrad of the 1753 ship list.

Your comment on the above would be greatly appreciated. If it would be of any help to you, I will be glad to search out what I have on these two.

Sincerely, Roy L. Orndorff

Oct. 22, 1976
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Mr. Orndorff,

Your letter came the same day I left for vacation in Georgia. While there I went to the state archives and ran across the following book:

Bining, Arthur Cecil, Ph.D. Pennsylvania Iron Manufacture in the 18th Century. Harrisburg, Publications of Pennsylvania Historical Commission Volume IV, 1938.

Is is an excellent book for your purpose, listing all the known places in Pennsylvania where this work was done and a good history of the trade there. Please keep in mind pp. 131, 136, 189 mention of Valentine Eckert (an Eicher name variation). He owned a Windsor furnace in Windsor Twp. Berks Co. 1768. This name closely eonected to my Orndorff line.

Also note in the church records I sent youa Seebold name, can't remember the first name. This is a variation of Seibel name. A Conrad Seibel connectio n to Conrad O. in Frederick County. His wife a sponsor for the Seibel child in about 1771.

Hope you can find your book at LC although you might try another source first. I'm sure you will want to xerox some pages and LC is expensive for that.

Good luck and let me know what you find.

Jan. 8, 1976

Dear Mr. Orndorff,

At last I have received the page 2 of Peter, Sr.'s original will probated 1786 in Frederick Co., Md. It is a photostatic copy and it will not xerox at all so I had my husband shoot the Peter O. and Conrad O. (witness) signatures on it with his Polaroid camera (aided by a close-up lens). I think the pictures came out pretty well and you can compare them with the passenger lists and see what you think about them. Keep the pictures as long as you like, and if you want to keep them permanently, that is o.k., just let me know so I can take pictures of them again.

At the library yesterday, I briefly glanced at the book of wills and intestates of Chester Co. and noticed the Klein name (associated with Joh. Henrich O. of Adams Co. c. 176) and also with Christian I's daughter Anna Barbara Kohr. The name was in Vincent Township.

I was also rather intrigued by the Lewis name in the county there, quite a few of them including a LEWIS Lewis. So the last name was sometimes used as a first name and I wonder if there is any association with Lewis Arndorff.

Also some Zeigler names. I know that these names are not really uncommon and there might be no connection at all. I know that many groups of families migrated together and even if they are from the same area it might not be significant. But with as little as we have had to go on we can't afford to overlook any clue. One of these days I am threatening to compile a lists of names associated with the different groupings of O. families.

On a different subject, Margaret sent me some of the records of DWO she has been transcribing concerning my Maryland Orndorffs and there were some things that were new. She included the mysterious George Orndorff who (in the booklet you sent me) had a daughter Catharine who married a Phinafrock (Catharine born 1797). Catharine had siblings John and George. I never found any George O in the 1800 or 1810 census but this information fits the family of ABRAHAM Orndorff, almost exactly. This mysterious George O. had a son who went to Indiana named John.....so did Abraham. (No more information was available on this son of Abraham's). Abraham also had children Catharine, John, George.....plus an Elizabeth and Nancy. But it was not his daughter Catharine who married a Phinafrock but ELIZABETH. And of course Abraham's wife was a Finfrock and her mother's name was Catherine. I'll just bet that some names were lost along the way and people confused. Both George O. and Abraham had sons named John born in 1799. The birth and death dates given for some of these children in both families are very close, sometimes only a year difference. This mysterious George was supposedly born 1770 and died c. 1837. I think Abraham was probably born around 1760's and 1837 would be a reasonable life span for him. I bet someday that this could be proved. Just a theory now though, but an interesting one. I would sure like to tie up some of those loose ends.

I am not sure if I mentioned it before, but when you check Chester County, also check Cecil County, Md. because there was a border dispute for many years of the 18th century and records are found in both states.

Jan 8, 1976

The DWO records indicated that Henry O. of Baltimore had in his possession an original copy of Peter Sr.'s will and of the deed to the farm in Maryland dated May 1, 1776. The Hall of Records also had an original copy of the will so maybe there were two copies made originally. I am positive that the original is not the same as the copy I already had from the will book. So I guess Peter settled this land in 1776. This is an unrecorded deed and I wish I knew where he bought it and from whom.

I guess I will have to track down Henry O.'s descendants. I have the names of his grandchildren and it is quite conceivable that THEIR grandchildren or even possibly CHILDREN might be living. Sure would like to see that deed.

I am very anxious to see what turns up in Chester County, especially if there is any connection to the Lebanon-Lancaster County people. I guess there is a chance that I am descended from Hermanus thru his daughter Christina, from John Orndorff, doctor, thru his son Mathias (not proven tho), and Hermanus's wife Catharine was also said to be an Orndorff.....well, we'll see. It is quite frustrating to have all this information, but not one shred of it documented. I can't even prove for certain that the Catherine O. who married Jacob O. is the daughter of Mathias and Christianna, yet alone anything further. There is nothing but DWO and some very circumstantial evidence.

If you can not find a way to check some of the Chester County records, such as the deed indexes, for instance, I will be happy to look at the films for you. I can order them from Salt Lake. I would be as happy as you to find something.

Good luck and happy hunting!

MAY 19, 1977

Dear Mr. Orndorff,

Our LDS microfilm library has a small amount of film and we must order most everything we need. However, we can also look at film that others have ordered. It is not unusual to find information on film someone else has obtained and not on what one has ordered.

Additionally, our microfilm reels are labeled according to the item we have ordered but they often contain many other records on the same reel.

I picked up a reel of microfilm that someone else had ordered recently, church records of Northampton Co., Pa. It was one of those times when I found something unexpectedly.

Among other items was a record of the Reformed Church, East Vincent, Vincent Township, Chester Co., Pa. 1758-1833. These were not original records, but transcriptions, some handwritten and some typewritten. A note at the beginning indicated that the church was 1 mile from the Schuylkill River across from the Trappe church of Montgomery Co.....Records were translated by Rev. Kreider, President of the Pennsylvania German Society. The Church was used as a hospital during the war. At that time (about 1929 I believe) there were 2 typewritten copies of this records, one placed with the Washington DAR.

The First church there was founded c. 1740, a union church. The Lutheran and Reformed church separated before the Revolution and the Lutherans kept the old building. Later the Reformed church split over temperance. Record was kept beginning in 1758 but baptisms entered from 1753.

There are some things that will be of particular interest to you:

Baptisms:

John Philip	born March 23, 1767 bapt July 30, 1767	parents: John Brendorf (sic) & Eva Barbara
Susanna	born Sept 21 1767 bapt Oct. 30 1767	parents: Henry Hencken & Anna Margaret (sometimes just Margaret)
John Peter	born Feb. 19 1769 bapt May 7 1769	same
Philip Henry	born Nov. 5, 1770 bapt Dec. 2 1770	same
George	born Aug. 15, 1771 bapt. Sept 20 1771	same

I understand that the York Co., Pa. wills are being abstracted and indexed and this should be very helpful. No early Orndorffs left wills there, but there was that Henry Ohrendorff and we don't know for sure who he is. My best guess would say he is Johann Henrich, son of Christian I.

Incidentally, I reported to you of a Bill Orndorff mentioned in deeds of Ann Arundel Co., (deed indexes) ... In checking the deeds themselves, it was realized that the indexes were a little deceptive. names were listed thus Orndorff, Peter
Orndorff, Bill

But really the second one was Bell, not Bill and it was a surname not a Christian name; it was an easy mistake to make. These deeds were in Ann Arundel Co. so that William Orndorff or Ohrendorff of Baltimore Co. was not necessarily connected to Peter Orndorff. The microfilm quality is not always good and sometimes letters are hard to make out. I think that the Popular Springs or Poplar Springs where probably Peter had a tavern is now in the section of Howard Co. (formerly Ann Arundel) which lies just below Carroll Co. and is just across the county line. Not really far at all.

Of course, now I am wondering just who was this John Bell who purchased land with Peter Orndorff. Incidentally when THIS Peter Orndorff sold land, his wife never signed the deed, unlike Peter and Rosanna Orndorff. This may be a way to tell them apart.

Back to the "Brendorf" name, I think it is obvious that this could well be the Orendorf name. I have never heard of the Brendorf name before and this was not the original copy but a translation. I wonder what happened to poor Ludwig. He probably perished in the Revolutionary struggle. He was the right age. IF these Orndorffs are connected to the 1753 emigration then this Ludwig was born in Europe and his father was surely old enough to have been enumerated on the passenger lists and oaths (unless sick) and he could possibly be that Philip Henrich Arndoff person. John O. could be Ludwig's older brother. I am sure that later one when you are free to travel you will want to check, or have checked by someone competent, the original records of these churches. If these are Orendorffs, in trying to reconcile them with the Virginia group, there are about as many questions raised as answers, it seems. I note the name Eva Barbara as a wife of John which does not square with the John who supposedly married Elizabeth Muentz or Mentz. But Elizabeth could have been a second wife, I suppose.

That's all for now. Write back this summer when you have lots of time. Oh yes, before I forget, Margaret is ~~springing~~ encouraging a big Centennial Orndorff Reunion in 1986 so put that on your calendar. We would like to publish a book for the event and hope you will have your Virginia line in some kind of order by then. Nine years should be enough time for all of us if we hurry!

Also from a list of children confirmed at Pentecost 1768 (p. 236)

Ludwig Brendorf age 16 father is Philip Brendorf

(confirmed by Rev. Nicholas Pomp)

Also I am mentioning the following record, although I don't think that this one is an Orndorff name variation.

Anna Maria born Oct. 14, 1785 parents: Christian Alsdorf and
Sponsors: Anna Maria Hofman A nna Maria

All these and also the next record are on microfilm F 020,357.

Oh yes, "just in case" I want to mention that the only other time that I noticed the Ludwig name was as a surname.... a Philippina Ludwig was a sponsor at a baptism in 1808. I didn't check much after that time, though.

Later on-on the same reel- there was a history of Zion's Church (also called Old Organ) founded by Muhlenberg in 1743. There were no Orndorffs here either (this was a typed record for the most part) but there was one interesting item:

Bäisabetha b. 15 Sp 1771 parents Stophel Muentz & Barbara
sponsors: Elisabeth Muentz
(p. 133) Conrath Carl

Someone recently had been looking at N.Y. church records, the same church where the N.Y. Orndorffs were located. I found many records, including names new to me such as Fritz (all 18th century).....not one John or Philip though. There were many named Christman there in New York, many, many Christians in Vincent and Pikeland Twp. and in these two above church records. And of course there is the Friedrich Crissman and Ruthye Crossman associated with the Conrad Orndorff family in Frederick County, Md. Also in the Chester Co. records I found the Dany/Deny name, including many Christian names such as Abraham, Jacob used by Christena (Orndorff) Tawney and her husband Michael as names for their children. Fascinating, this was not a common name at all. Crissman, for example is much more common. So is the Aker, Ecker, Acker, Eicher name which was also found here in the East Vincent Church AND the N.Y. Orndorff's church.

Another interesting item.....one of the N.Y. O's (18th century) took out a license to run a tavern....as did Peter, son of Conrad.

Incidentally, I have finally tracked down Mrs. G.L. Tawney, the Conrad O. descendant. I have written to her but have not had time to have had a reply yet. She moved to Minnesota. I had originally contacted the DAR chapter in Los Alamos who had not knowledge of her and gave up on that line, but finally decided to check with national DAR and they had her new address. I hope she will write to me.

June 20, 1977

Dear Mr. Orndorff,

A number of things have come to my attention recently and I want to mention them before I forget about them.

First of all, I had the opportunity to spend a couple of hours at the Los Angeles Public Library (Genealogy Room) recently. I finally figured out how the many volumed set of the Deutsches Geschlechterbuch works. This is a basic set of German genealogical materials that covers all areas of Germany. There are at least ~~1~~ 140 volumes or more. Some of the volumes cover just certain areas while others cover all areas. Each volume has a separate index.

In checking the Ohrendorff name as we are familiar with it, I found that the name is found only in the Siegen area. There are other names, Ollendorf, Oberdorf, Oberndorf, etc. in other areas but only Ohndorff in Siegen.

This is by no means the definitive word on the subject, but nevertheless, was interesting to note. The name Hencken or Henke is also found in the area of Siegen. It is listed in the index as Hencke(n) indicating it is spelled both ways. And in the Chester Co. records the sons of Henry & Margaret Hencken spelled their name Henckey or something like that. So the name is evidently Henke or Hencken. I think that the plural in German is sometimes formed by adding an -n so perhaps this might have something to do with the name variation. I have also seen the name Hankee and Hankey in the Chester Co. records so you will want to be alert to this.

Knowing that I was interested in central Pa. a friend recently handed me her Winter 1977 issue of Our Family Tree. As I flipped through the pages this item caught my eye on p. 23:

Cumberland Co. Wills (abstracts)

MONTZ, STOPHEL, late of Greenwood Twp., miller. Will dated March 5, 1785; prob. Aug. 1, 1785. Eldest dau. Barbara Albright and her husband George Albright; youngest dau. Elizabeth Whealand; gr. son Stophel Whealand; to Jacob Whealand. Exrs. Jacob Buck, Michael Herman. Wits.: Wm. Cook, Philip Mathews, Jacob Frittle. Page 98. Will book no. 2.

This suggests a connection with the Muentz church record in Chester Co. Even the names seem right, although the age of the daughter Elizabeth --unless she was born some time before her baptism--seems questionable. At any rate, perhaps they are related.

From a query placed in Ridge Runners Vo. 6 p. 77:

POTTER, Isaac b. c. 1801 Ky, m. Mary ARNDIFF. Letcher Co- Ky (Mrs. Dorcas Hobbs, P.O. Box 752, Pikeville, KY 41501)

There is also in that same issue a William Orndorff on p. 26. Seems his birth date was about 1831. Source was "Capon Valley," Vol. 2, 1948, p. 374. I suppose that you are already familiar with this source.

Another friend xeroxed off a copy of an item that she had and gave to me.

It is SOME VIRGINIA MARRIAGES 1700-1799 Volume One compiled by Cecil D. McDonald, Jr., 1019 N. 167th St., Seattle, Wash. 98133.

I may have already sent these to you, but in case not, here they are again:

Orrender, Matthew and Sarah Brown, 15 May 1799, Pittsylvania County, Minister Rtn

Orrenduff, Matthew and Polley Bradley, 18 Apr 1791, Pittsylvania County, Minister Rtn)

(both on p. 11)

Also of interest because it is in the same county; same time:

Meese, Phillip and Mary Powell, 1 Dec 1797, Pittsylvania County, Minister Rtn (p. 9)

Philip Meese (Miess, etc.) left a will in Lancaster Co., and one Orndorff was an executor and another was a witness. Obviously not the same one because this was much earlier, mid-1700's.

Who was this Matthew Orrenduff in Pittsylvania County? And the Mary Arndiff in Letcher Co.? Letcher was very close to the Virginia border.

I have a favor to ask of you later on when you are not too busy. I recall your saying that you had a genealogist in Germany check on the Orndorff group in the areas where Christian Orndorff originated. Did he check just the area of the parish of Freudenberg or the whole region of Siegen? Did he check all three of the 1753 passengers' names? I am interested in this information since a number of films are available from Salt Lake concerning the Siegen area. As I have already mentioned, I have the index to the Freudenberg church records. The name Philip Orndorff and Ludwig Orndorff are mentioned frequently. But no Conrad's, no Philip Henrich's.

Incidentally, when I checked that Deutsches Geschlechterbuch I did not have time to check the "A" spellings of the name such as Arndorff, etc. in all the volumes and this certainly should be done later on when I have the opportunity.

If you have any correspondence with your German genealogist you could copy for me I would greatly appreciate it.

You might be interested to know that I have been converting all my information on Peter's line to family group sheets and I have been able to trace almost every branch to at least five generations (with only one exception). This includes names but not all dates. But that is very useful. I am also working on the descendants of Herman Orndorff and of Mathias Orndorff, (probable son of John and brother of Margaret's Christopher). Of course, I don't have complete documentation for it all, but having the names and spouses' names is most helpful. Places of residence, too, thanks to DWO.

That's about all for now. Have a nice summer and take it easy!

Sincerely,

Virginia O's

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March 20, 1977

Dear Camilla,

In reviewing a file I have not had occasion to check for a couple of years, I found the following from a correspondent:

Orendorff, Orendorf, Orndorf and variant spellings in DAR Patriot Index:

Christian 3rd, b. ca. 1750, d. October 1, 1824
m. Anna Marie Stille
Capt. Maryland (Pensioner)

Christian, b. November 15, 1726, d. December 10, 1797
m. Elizabeth Hoffman
2 Maj. Maryland

Christopher, b. November 23, 1752, d. Sept. 14, 1823
m. Mary Thomas
1 Lt. Maryland

Frederick, Jr., b. 1758
d. 1830
m. Lany Fullmer
Pvt. NY

Lorentz, b. 1737, d. 1820
m. Caroline
Pvt. Pennsylvania

(My correspondent didn't give exact spelling of the last name).

Doubt if there is anything new in this but just in case.

Thank you very much for the information about Hezekiah Orndorff, son of Philip Orndorff Jr. and Christina Peer. My records show that "Hez" moved to Ohio but tis obvious he moved further. Sketch seems pretty accurate as far as important details are concerned, however, I question his extreme mobility. He almost seems to have been everywhere! Might have been at Harper's Ferry when John Brown was hung in 1859, providing he was still living in Va. because it was Lee and Jeb Stuart who brought Marines from Washington to curb the insurrection and there were Militia from the area involved. Doesn't say when he actually married. He was living with his parents in 1850 and was aged 22, thus born c. 1828. The 1860 Census of the Cedar Creek area of Shenandoah Co. either was not taken in 1860 or was lost and there are many families missing who should be there. Hez is not there in 1870 though. Anyway, my guess is that the sketch is from an old History of Rice Co., Missouri. Surely sounds like others I have seen from that type of book. If so, this one is more accurate than most as far as facts are concerned!

Sincerely,

Betty

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

This is in reply to your ad in the current "Helper." I am afraid I cannot provide the name of the wife or parents of Peter Orndorff and it is likely that you already have the following but in case not:

1790 Census of Maryland:

Peter Orndorff - 2 males over 16

3 males under 16

4 females

Peter, Jr. ?

From "American Orndorff Families" by Darius Orndorff:

Peter Orndorff died in 1786

Children: Peter Orndorff Jr.

Abraham Orndorff

Maria Orndorff m. Jacob Smith

(Peter Sr., Peter Jr. and Abraham were buried on the old home place in Carroll Co., Md. (Note: it was not Carroll Co. until 1837).)

Conrad Orndorff died 1795, aged 93

The above is from the book "From Mill Wheel to Plowshare" by Julia Angeline Drake, and James Ridgely Orndorff, published 1938.

Undoubtedly you know of this book and know that it is the history of the Christian Orndorff Family of Pa., Md., Kentucky and westward. The authors state that there seems to be no direct relationship between this family and Peter Orndorff and so far as I know none has been established to date.

I am not a descendant of either family but of Philip Orndorff who married Elizabeth Seabert (Seibert) in Frederick Co., Va. in 1782. A correspondent has been working for over 20 years in an effort to find the parents of Philip Orndorff and where he lived prior to appearing in Virginia. There were two other Orndorff families in the Valley of Virginia. Lewis Orndorff who appears in the 1782 State Enumerations in Frederick Co., Va. and then disappears from the records. (A Lewis Orndorff is in the records in Washington Co., Va. who may or not be the same Lewis). The third is John Orndorff of Frederick Co., Va. who died in 1798. John Orndorff was the father of five children by his first marriage to Elizabeth Mentz and father of twelve children by his second marriage to Hannah MacIlwee. It is in print that this John was the John Peter Orndorff who came to America in 1753 but there is absolutely no evidence that this is fact and I personally think the Peter Orndorff you are seeking is the John Peter Orndorff who came to America with Conrad Orndorff.

No relationship between my Philip Orndorff and John Orndorff of Frederick Co., Va. has been established to date although it is probable that they were in some way related. John Orndorff's residence prior to coming to Virginia has not been located

either. There has been much inter-marriage between the descendants of John Orndorff and Philip Orndorff and most descendants are related to both but I am one of the rare individuals who is not.

You might be interested to know that a researcher visited Germany and hired a genealogist to try to locate a John Peter Orndorff in the area where the Christian Orndorff line originated. He eventually reported that he could find no trace of a John Peter Orndorff in that area and also stated that he was surprised by the name Peter as that was a Catholic name, which is true but not by any means always a Catholic name. For instance the members of the Mennonite faith used the name Peter very frequently and they began to come to America as early as 1710 from Germany and Switzerland.

Philip Henrich Arndorff was also on the ship Edinburgh when it arrived in America 2 Oct 1753. In spite of the difference in the spelling of the name, he likely did relate to John Peter and Conrad Orndorff. It is possible that my Philip Orndorff was his son or grandson but we don't know exactly where Philip Henrich Arndorff settled after he came to America. Apparently it was not in Maryland but more likely Pennsylvania.

Have found several people researching Orndorff in Virginia and there has been a great deal printed about the Christian Orndorff family but you are the first I have found seeking Peter Orndorff.

I am very sorry that I haven't been able to be more helpful. I am interested in Peter and Conrad Orndorff though and would appreciate having further information on both of them, if it is not too much trouble.

Best of luck in your research and hoping to hear from you in future.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mrs. Berger:

My sincere apologies! I didn't realize how long it had been since I heard from you last and I got quite a shock! I try to be more prompt than that in replying. I have been working on other lines but when I receive a letter from anyone, I try to respond no matter what line I am working on at the time. At least more quickly than months later! I am glad you didn't give up on me!

Orndorff has been with me all day. It took me all afternoon and evening (minus interruptions) to read material sent by Roy Orndorff and to read some church records and gravestone inscriptions of Frederick Co., Va. with Orndorff names. The latter all John or Philip's descendants.

The material Mr. Orndorff sent was from the Orndorff Family reunions of 1888 or 1889 and 1898, plus Orndorff Genealogy by Milo Custer. He thought I had this material but recently found someone else didn't have and wrote to be sure I actually did. Custer's work has dates but unfortunately, the other is just a list of names from all over America plus. Likely all or nearly all deceased today. Guess this project began with a reunion in 1886 in Bloomington, Ill. and a great idea it was too. They were seeking all Orndorffs, Ordorffs, etc. Not much on my Philip Orndorff except for a few names of descendants living in the Van Buren Furnace area of Shenandoah Co., Va. And I gather you know of Darius Orndorff's involvement because you mention him in your letter of August 2. What is not clear to me is whether the material was ever combined into a book or not. Obviously, they hoped ^{to} publish before January 1900 but did they? Or are only the directories extant or some of them? And if the actual records were never put into a book, I imagine the files are probably no longer exist. The idea of directories and trying to get people to respond in this manner was quite an excellent idea.

Thank you very much for the information on your Peter Orndorff. Did you see the suggestion in the reunion material (if you have) that Peter and Conrad might connect to the New York Orndorffs because of the name Conrad? I don't think so. I think they were the ones on the Edinburgh in 1753.

The reunion material tells of George Orndorff coming to Carroll Co., Md. and settling near Tanjeytown, Md. and that a dau. Catharine married Mr. Phinafrock and that she was born in 1797. And mentions that Abraham married Barbara Finfrock. Was there a George or is this a confusion with George, son of Abraham? The material says:

Catharine O. Finafrock
John Orndorff m. Barbara Stewart
George Orndorff

And then gives three children of John Orndorff in Churubusco, Indiana. You give John as a son of Abraham Orndorff and that he is supposed to have lived in Indiana. I would say the lady in Indiana was related to Abraham and not George. Catharine married James Smith and not a Finafrock.

Origins of Orndorffs, etc. It is possible that your line came from Russia because Swiss Mennonites went to Russia. And then I gather came to America. I really don't think any of the Orndorffs were Mennonites but we must be dealing with more than one family of Orndorffs in America. Some related and others not at all. And one place in the material I received today, it is suggested that the Orndorffs were from Switzerland! And that is entirely possible because I have discovered that names I thought were from Germany originated in Switzerland or at least lived there for a time. 10 years ago I would have laughed had anyone suggested that my Boehm ancestors might have lived in Switzerland but I now know that it is entirely possible that my pioneer Boehm ancestor may have been born there! And it is probable that my ancestors were really more Swiss than German. And maybe some Orndorffs were from all three places. Russia, Germany and Switzerland.

As for hearing of the Russian tradition. No. My father lived to be 97 but he was never one to talk much about family. If I had known then what questions to ask, I might have learned more but believe me I began research with nothing. My great-grandmother Margaret Orndorff Boehm was supposed to have been born in Woodstock, Va. and in truth she was born not too far from there. My great-grandfather Jacob Stover Boehm was supposed to have been born in Winchester, Va. and he was born near Woodstock in Shenandoah Co., Va. No dates of birth or death for them, no parents. The only Orndorff name I had seen was Margaret's maiden name and it does seem she was the only Orndorff to ever live in Barbour Co., W. Va. The mountains separated them from many living relatives and I guess they didn't believe much in writing letters or memories.

Gather that the Orndorffs in the Cedar Creek area consider themselves of German descent though. Roy Orndorff does. But though that most of the ones living today don't even know who their great-grandfather was! Except for men like Roy O. Two of my correspondents got together in the Valley quite recently and knocked on some doors. The interviews were not very fruitful because they discovered they knew much more than those they were interviewing! And when one not interested tries to date his pioneer, he is usually off by a great many years! At least 20 years and often more.

Peter might have come from Peter the great. I think I told you that Roy O. was told by a German genealogist that he was surprised to find a German named Peter who was not Catholic. And I am not surprised because Peter was used often by the Mennonites, although it was not as common as Christian or Jacob or even Daniel.

Roy O. made a trip to Germany in 1971. He rented a car and he and his wife visited the Freudenberg-Siegen area of Germany (Westphalia). This is the area of origin for the Christian Ohrndorf family. He visited the towns of Hof Eichen and Halmenhof which were on a map in Julia A. Drake's "The Christian Ohrndorf Family in Germany." He found no old structures in either. He looked at a telephone directory of the area of Siegen and found about twenty Ohrndorfs and Ohrendorfs listed but had no time to contact any of them. In 1972, the part time genealogist he visited there wrote him that he could find no Johannes Peter Ohrndorf in any church records he was able to search. As for the book by Julia Drake, I have never seen it. I have her book about the family in America though. It was printed in 1938 and they must have printed a great many or no one has bought them because they are still advertised by the Maryland Historical Society. This is where I got my copy. Hard-cover cheapie at 5.00 and interesting but no help to non-descendants. *I don't mean the book is cheaply made but only that it is very inexpensive for a hard-cover book.*

Did you receive any response from Historical Society of Germans in Russia? Hope so.

Hope you can discover whether your Peter or Peter of Conrad ran the stage line. I suppose one Peter might have operated both though. Have you considered

trying the Frederick and Ann Arundel Co. Historical Societies? I haven't had much luck with Historical Societies myself. Some are more active than others. I tried the one in Carroll Co. on my Kane-Kean line and although they were supposed to be very active, they never replied. A known cousin who is planning to publish a genealogy of this family also tried and failed. The last I heard from him, he was trying a donation and offering to donate a copy of the completed genealogy.

Here is an address you might try:

Fackenthal Library
Franklin and Marshall College
Lancaster, Pa.

This was given in the latest issue of the "Tri-State Trader's" genealogy section as being where German Reformed records are kept. I don't know if this is Pa. only or not but the query was about a man living in Shenandoah Co., Va. in 1785. And if they do only have Pa. records, perhaps they can tell you where Md. records might be located.

You do indeed have a lot of Orndorffs in your ancestry. I do hope you can find all of them!

The Johann Henrich Orndorff listed in church records in Adams Co., Pa. and then York is most interesting. He fits John Orndorff of Frederick Co., Va. in several ways. John did have four sons and one daughter, John b. 1765; William d. 1827; Philip d. 1818; Elizabeth Orndorff Brill d. 1867; and Jonathan b. 1770. His first wife, Elizabeth Mentz Orndorff, died and he remarried to Hannah MacIlwee. Twelve children by the second marriage and when he died in 1798 several were minors. He seems to appear in the Va. records about 1782 but he apparently never owned land. He did leave a will but no mention is made of land. And he was probably a Lutheran. At least Roy O. thinks they were Lutheran early and I do find some in the St. James Lutheran Church records. Then later generations affiliated with the Christian Church because it was more convenient to do so. But then you have all that from John Barclay Orndorff's booklet. At least you mention it meaning you have seen it or have it. Nice little booklet but contains quite a few errors and quite a bit of fiction. Roy O. says the only record of an association with the Zane Furnace or Zane-Bear Furnace was a record showing he sold wood to the furnace. He may have been an employee of the furnace and he was literate at a time when many were not.

Yes, he mentions a Lewis Orndorff of Chester Co. He gave surety for Margaret Hinkins (HEIKENJUS???) when her husband, Henry, died and Mr. Orndorff assumed that Margaret was an Orndorff. Could be but giving surety is not absolute proof of a relationship. One needs more evidence. Lewis Orndorff was supposed to have moved to Tennessee but in 1820, there are the following Orenduffs in Washington Co., Va.:

Isaac Orenduff
John "
Mordicai "
Lewis " and James Orenduff

The 1810 Census shows:

James Orenduff
Lewis "
Jeremiah "

Could be Lewis Orndorff and I have a deed somewhere showing purchase of land about 1800 in Washington Co. but can't recall how his name is spelled. I found it! It is a copy typed by a correspondent but I also have a zerox somewhere. On 15

October 1806, Lewis Orndorff paid 1200 dollars for 300 acres of land from George Shelly and wife Sarah Shelly. One of the witnesses was Isaac Orndorff so this has to be the Orndorffs in the 1810 and 1820 Virginia Census in Washington Co. And could be Lewis Orndorff of the 1782 State Enumerations in Frederick Co., Va. There is no 1790 Census for Virginia and the state enumerations replace it. And I don't know if the tax lists have been checked after 1782 or not. Unless he might appear in the tax lists in Frederick after 1782 and up to 1806, we have no way of proving they were the same men. And if he didn't own land, I doubt he would be in the tax lists anyway. He might appear in court records or as a witness to a deed or will but that would require time to check and it is hardly worth it. And I would assume him gone prior to 1798 because the only Orndorffs purchasing at John's estate sale were his sons by his first marriage, his second wife and my Philip Orndorff who has to be the Philip Orndorff Sr. in the list. John's son did not marry until 1795 but my Philip married in 1782. Another error by John Barclay O. because he thought my Philip was Philip of John and that the marriage in 1795 was a second marriage. Since Elizabeth Seabert Orndorff was alive in 1801 when her father wrote his will, it couldn't be!

John Orndorff of Va. (Frederick Co.) must have been Lutheran because his sons were married by Christian Streit, a Lutheran minister. And John might have married a Catholic too because Hannah MacIlwee was supposed to be Irish. There were few Catholics in Shenandoah Co., Va. and perhaps this was also true of Frederick. According to Wayland's History of Shenandoah Co., Va., there were only 65 Catholics in all of Shenandoah Co. in 1927 and if there were so few in 1927, perhaps a Catholic had no church to attend in the 1700's. And I suppose no church means no priest. Only thing about Johann Henrich Orndorff of Adams and York and John Orndorff of Frederick being possibly the same man that bothers me is why didn't John of Frederick sign his full name if he was Johann Henrich? (Terrible sentence)! That was what bothered me about John Barclay O. saying John was John Peter Orndorff. And if your Peter Orndorff was John Peter of the ship Edinburgh, he did what was logical. Dropped the John and used Peter. John was the most common name of all!

I do hope that a comparison of Peter and Conrad's signatures on Peter's original will will match the passenger list. I would love to do this with my ancestor Samuel Boehm as I have his original signature too but he ~~was~~ ^{was} ill when he arrived in America in 1738 and didn't sign. That's why we can never prove for sure they are the same but I really believe they were.

In reply to your most important question about what research has been done in Pa. on Orndorff. Personally, I have not researched Pa. except for collecting material on Lancaster Co. I have been so busy with the Valley since all my paternal lines are there that I haven't had time to study Pa. Pa. records confuse me still due to my lack of experience with them. I feel very much at home in the Valley Counties, especially Shenandoah, but do not understand the differences in the laws of Pa. For instance, warrents seem to be common to Pa. but early land is by grant in Va. It seems that men often received warrents in Pa. but didn't actually have this land surveyed until many years later. Not always true I am sure but one of my ancestors did this in Pa. We know he was on the land many years before the survey because a neighbor had his land surveyed and this man is listed as living on adjoining land. On the other hand, in Lancaster Co. for instance, adjacent land owners seem to be most frequently named in the land deeds but this is less true in Va. The deeds in the Valley give the succession of ownership though. And maybe the Valley of Va. is a bit different than other areas of Va. too because of Lord Fairfax and his Northern Neck Grants. Anyway, although I have some Pa. info, it does not pertain to Orndorff.

I really am not sure that anyone has really searched the Pa. records thoroughly. Roy O. does ^{have} access to Indices of many counties but he has never given me a list of Orndorffs in the Pa. records. Could be that he has such a list though. He recently sent me quite a list of Peers in New Jersey and New York. Peer is a family

that inter-married very frequently with the Orndorffs and both Roy O. and I are descendants. We can't find their area of origin either! Roy O. admits to being a one track searcher and really only discovered he was a Peer quite recently. The discovery produced the list and of course he has picked up Peer with Orndorff because of the many inter-marriages. Plus he and his brother own a small parcel of land in the Cedar Creek area that originally belong^{ed} to Philip Peer the pioneer and he has mapped the lands of Philip Peer for that reason. His maps are terrific! Thanks to him, I have a sketch of the land owned by my great-great-grandfather Samuel Boehm in the Cedar Creek area. (Owned from 1813 to about 1846 when Samuel lost all except his wife's dower because he was unable to re-pay on a deed of trust). Approximate of course but wonderful!

As far as Lancaster Co., Pa. is concerned, I find only the following in a book I have of testate and intestate records or rather it is only an index to these records:

Herman Orndorff Intestate 1777 (no book or page)
John Orndorff Intestate 1850, Book II, Vol. 1, page 375

Deed Book K, page 53, Lancaster Co. (Mayhill's Book of Lancaster Deeds)

Christian Orndorff was a witness to a deed of John Kuster and wife Catherine to Jacob Spengler. The release was written 3 June 1761 and recorded 27 Oct 1763. Land was located in Heidelberg Township. The other witness was John Nicholas Henicke.
Granted/affirmed 3 July 1761

And that's it! No mention of Herman in the Deeds. The Kusters were likely Mennonites since they affirmed because affirmation seems to indicate a Mennonite. Jacob Spengler may have been too because there is some evidence that the Spenglers of Va. were originally.

Anyway, the above must be Christian Orndorff 1 or Christian 2. Julia A. Drake says in her book "From Mill Wheel to Plowshare," that Christian 2 moved to Md. by 1760 and that the last extant records of him ^{in Pa.} were 1758/1759. And then goes on to say he purchased part of a tract of land called Smith's Hills on 17 Nov 1762 from James Smith. This deed calls him a resident of Frederick Co., Md. Seems to me that he could have been in Pa. as late as 1762 if this is his first land purchase and it seems to be.

According to Miss Drake, Christian Orndorff 1 died 16 Apr 1772, aged 80 years. He is buried in Bethel Moravian Cemetery and his epitaph is supposed to be in the church record book. Or was in 1938. Miss Drake also says that Christian O. 2 was born in Prussia 15 Nov 1726.

And here is something from her bibliography:

Hermanus Orndorff arrived on the ship, Charming Nancy, 8 Oct 1737

John Herman Eckel and Ann Margaretha Ohrendorf were married by Rev. John Casper Stoeber on 23 Oct 1743. (From W. H. Egle's "Notes and Queries," 1896 volume. From a partial list of marriages and baptisms of Rev. John Casper Stoeber).

Land patents ~~for~~ Herman Orndorff are preserved in the Dept. of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pa.

Herman and Christian Orndorff lived near one another according to Dr. Egle, State Historian.

Warrantee of Land in Lebanon Township: Herman Orndorff, 100 acres on 75 Feb 1753

Land in Heidelberg Township: Herman Orndorff, 1752. No acreage given.

Land in Bethel Township: Herman Orndorff, 50 acres, 19 Oct 1756

Taxables in Lebanon Township in 1759: Herman Orndorff, 15 shillings.
" " " " in 1780: Orndorff's widow.

Marriages in Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchburg, Berks Co., Pa.:

28 Dec 1784, Henry Ohrendorf and Maria Elizabeth Albert

22 Apr 1792, John Ohrendorf and Elizabeth Oxenreuter

Wills, Berks Co.: John Eck, Rockland Township. Will dated 25 March 1807. Proved 20 June 1821. Daughter Maria Eve, wife of Christian Ohrendorff.

Wills, Dauphin Co. Will of Christian Orndorff, probated 30 Oct 1878

Warrent for 218 acres by Christian Orndorff on 18 May 1758, Lebanon Twp.
Warrent for 50 acres by Christian Orndorff on 18 May 1758, Heidelberg Twp.
(Landowners adjoining the 218 acre tract were, Martin Imhoff, John Smith, Peter Slusher and a "John.")

Jacob Piper and Joseph Reynolds appraised the estate of Christian Orndorff 2 on 10 March 1798. Elizabeth Orndorff and Jonathan Hager were Executors. Christian 2 died near Sharpsburg, Md. on 10 Dec 1797.

Married Elizabeth Hoffman on 2 April 1749 and Elizabeth Hoffman Orndorff died 19 July 1829, aged 97, in Hagerstown, Md.

Son Henry Orndorff moved to Shepherdstown, Va. (now W. Va.) and died there c. 1821.

Son Jacob Orndorff, b. 3 Mar 1770, d. 6 Nov 1803

More than I thought! The book seems well documented but ^{there} doesn't seem to be much about Christian 1. Apparently there is no extant testate or intestate record or no one found it. He was supposed to have been born in Prussia in 1692 and to have married Elizabeth von Mueller, who either died in Germany or aboard ship. And she is supposed to have been a countess! I am afraid I am extremely skeptical! I have a record or rather there is a statement in a book by the husband of a granddaughter of a devout Mennonite (and a weaver according to the court records because a young man was assigned to him to learn the trade), that his wife's grandfather was the son of a Count and born in Germany. He was probably the son of a Mennonite and was born in Switzerland! Sometimes the third generation had become such substantial citizens of a community that they decided to fabricate a bit. All because the pioneers had worked so hard to provide land for all their sons! In ~~this~~ this case, a Count sounds much better than a skilled farmer and weaver who followed a faith that had died in the area and one which was likely not much in favor because of the ~~non-existent~~ Mennonites refusal to support the Revolution.

Digression! You know I find it odd that Christian Orndorff 1 only had one son and one daughter and possibly another daughter. Very unusual for the time because large families ~~was~~ the rule among the Germans and Swiss. And if Christian O. 1 lost his wife in Europe or enroute to America, isn't it odd that he didn't marry again? These farmers did because they really needed their wives. And since there is no estate record for Christian 1, how do we know that he didn't have more than two or three children? This Orndorff family had the wanderlust. Christian 2 moved to Md., his sons moved to what is now W. Va. and then Christopher moved to Ky. Jacob O. was the only son to remain in Md. and ~~his~~ son moved to Baltimore. And it is also odd that Christian 1 is German Reformed and then Moravian. Well, there doesn't seem to be any other Orndorffs in the area who might have been sons of Christian 1 but ~~with~~ there are no Orndorffs who might be sons of Herman Orndorff either. What is your opinion?

Looks as if no one has done any research on Orndorff in New Jersey or Delaware. Roy O. has never mentioned these two states.

How wonderful to have a picture of your Jacob and Catharine Orndorff! To find a picture of a couple born in the 1790's must be rare! I know how thrilled you are! And to find a relative just 20 miles away is terrific! And to make contact again after 40 years! You should submit this story to the Helper as it is a really good one.

Don't worry about boring me with your particular Orndorff history. You couldn't because I love genealogy and enjoy every story. We get to know one another too and I like it very much when correspondents share family history and even enjoy it thoroughly when ^{they} share some of ~~xxxxxxx~~ their current activities with me. After all, consider how often I digressed in this letter!

Never thought I would write so much! Not really a great deal of help either! It is just so rare to find an enthusiastic Orndorff researcher. As I may have said in my first letter, you are the first of Peter's line and the few others are all descended from either John of Frederick Co., Va. or my Philip. Or both. I have found little interest in Orndorff and yet we know there are a great many of the name and descended from the name living today! One look at the Orndorff directories is positive proof.

Do keep me informed and good luck! If I find anything, I'll let you know.

Sincerely,



Betty Boehm Millner

John O. of Virginia seems to have been literate and there may be further records of John Arndorff in the court records of Chester Co. Assuming the court kept order and minute books, as they did in Virginia. Divorce was rare in those days but it did exist and also legal separations. At least it did in Virginia so I assume may have in Pa. too.

So a bit more Orndorff data to add to your collection. Must be recorded as "probable;" however, I am convinced.

Do hope your research is progressing well.

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Dear Mrs. Berger:

Thank you so much for taking time to send the wonderful record of John and Philip Orndorff of Chester Co., Pa. I really appreciate it!

The Henry Hankey just may have been Henry HHenkenius and a Peter Henkenius signed as witness when John Orndorff of Frederick Co., Va. wrote his will. On the last entry, you gave Philip Lewis. Did you mean Philip Lewis Orndorff? If so, the entry is more exciting because Philip of Va. had a son named Lewis, plus there is the Lewis in Frederick Co., Va. in 1782 who then seems to dissappear.

I doubt if the Philip with 50 acres could have been my Philip because Philip of Va. married in Frederick Co., Va. in 1782 and there is no evidence of any children by a previous marriage, as there are for John. Philip might have been ~~his~~ my Philip's father or John might also have been his father. John is a renter in 1766 and landowner in 1767. It may be that Philip and John of Va. were brothers but Philip must have been much younger than John. The names are so right!

The Johannes Ohrendorff who was a subscriber to a new church in Pikeland Twp., Chester Co., Pa. could have been the same John as in the other records. Chester Co. Courthouse doesn't seem to have any type of records prior to 1780. Do you know if all their records are in the Pennsylvania Archives?

I found some interesting names on the ship, Richard and Mary, which arrived in America in Sept. 1752. Two Samms (maybe Saum), one Saum, a Roller, Peter Leonard Henkenius, John. Henrich Henkenius and a Bar (Barr?). All these are Valley names. One Samm was Nicholas Samm and Nicholas Saum appears prominently in Shenandoah Co. Both the Saums and Barrs inter-married with the Orndorffs. Later, of course. A Philip Orndorff (or Arndorff) arrived in America with John Peter and John Conrad and about that same time (give or take a year or so), I believe a John Orndorff arrived on another ship.

Since both Philip were landholders, there should be a record of purchase and sale, providing such records of Chester Co. are extant. I have always thought that Lutheran Church records might eventually prove enlightening too.

During the Christmas holidays, I heard from a gentleman in Indiana who is seeking the parentage of an Orendorff. I can't help him but will refer him to Roy O. in hope he can. He is also seeking confirmation that Orendorff, Orndorff, etc. are the same family. Don't we all wish we knew the answer to that one!!!

Happy New Year and may the hunting be most fruitful!

Sincerely, Betty

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Dear Camilla,

I am delighted that you were able to help Jack Miller! He sent a copy of your letter and was so very pleased with your information. He is going to have great difficulty with Miller and I don't envy him. I do have the 1820 Virginia Census Index and if he ever finds a particular county, I may be able to help but never without the name of a county because there are too many Millers. Plus there is the question of whether his Miller line was of English origin or German Muellers. There are likely some Millers somewhere that relate to me because my great-great-grandfather Samuel Boehm had a sister, Catharine Boehm, who married Frederick Miller. My Samuel actually married first to Frederick's sister Catharine Miller (in 1805), however, Catharine likely died giving birth to their only child, Henry Boehm, who was born in 1807. And Henry apparently died young because there is no further trace of him after the 1810 Census. Never sure about this though because we thought my Samuel's younger brother, Daniel Boehm, died young too, however, recently we found evidence that he must have lived to adulthood and married. We have learned little of Frederick and Catharine Boehm Miller either but if I ever do happen to find a descendant I can at least tell them they were of German descent.

Before I forget. I reviewed my correspondence with Roy O. which began in 1972. I note that he mentions that there is an Orndorff Road which intersects Route 15 in Frederick Co., Md. about five miles south of the Pa. border. Probably named for your line too.

Also, there is the following from "An Index to the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster Co., Pa., 1729-1850:

Herman Orndorff Died Intestate in 1777 (No book or page given)
John Orndorff Died Intestate in 1850 (Book N, page 375)

I assume Herman might be the Herman Orndorff who arrived in America in 1737 as Lebanon Co. was not formed from Lancaster and Dauphin until 1813.

I want to purchase some of the Pa. area keys but haven't done it yet. My mother was born in Indiana, Pa. so all my maternal lineage is Pa. for the exception of the Kean-Kane line which seems to have either originated in Maryland (Westminster) or my pioneer Bernard Kean lived briefly in Pa. prior to migrating to the Westminster area. Bernard was born in Ireland in 1790 and his eldest child was born in Westminster in about 1825 yet there is some evidence that Bernard's wife, Charlotta Dell Kean was born in Pa. Both Bernard and Charlotta are buried in an old Catholic Church Cemetery in Westminster but a query to the church produced a reply from the priest that there were no Keans or Kanes in the church records. Hate to be suspicious but I have to wonder if he really had time

to check or made an effort. We suspect a mixed marriage because all their children became Protestant for the exception of their only daughter. And all moved to Pa. except for one son and the daughter. Anyway, I need to know more about Pa. records but haven't been in a hurry because some of my mother's lines have been published. Bell, for instance, by Raymond Martin Bell and he also included some allied families who also are direct maternal ancestors. Perhaps you have heard of Dr. Bell as he has published numerous articles in the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine and National Genealogical Society Quarterly. Dr. Bell apparently was interested in genealogy when quite young because I have copies of the Revolutionary War records of a relative and in the file is a letter from Dr. Bell when he was a student at Syracuse U. in 1929! (From the Archives). Fantastic!

While speaking of "cousin" Raymond Martin Bell. I have also corresponded with him regarding Seibert. His wife is a Seibert descendant and he has published a booklet on this family, which I purchased. Philip Orndorff of Va. married in 1782 to Elizabeth Seabert, dau. of Jacob Seabert. The only time Jacob's name was spelled Seabert is on his Will and Elizabeth's marriage record is spelled Seabert. Other records give his name as Sibert and Sebert and I think he was likely a Seibert but Dr. Bell can't place him. Recently, Dr. Bell noted that a Bernard Seibert died in Shenandoah Co., Va. in 1801. I haven't found a Bernard but there was a Barney Sibert in the 1785 Enumerations of Shenandoah. Another point I must query him about but there are never enough hours! Jacob was in Va. as early as 1757 and two of the Seiberts in Dr. Bell's booklet moved into the eastern panhandle of what is now W. Va.

Jacob Seabert (or whatever) did not name his children in his will, for the exception of Elizabeth Orndorff, whom he gave only 5 shillings because of a certain opinion he had. Drat! This has made it impossible for me to determine the names of more than two of them, other than Elizabeth. And if he hadn't excluded Elizabeth, I would never have known for sure that he was her father, so one must be grateful for that much! As far as the exclusion is concerned, I think that Jacob disapproved of his daughter's marriage to Philip Orndorff and never forgave her, although it is possible that he gave her money when she married. Generally though when a father excluded a child, they stated that they had already received their share and Jacob did not. The wording is rather pointed and he mentions her twice in this way. Roy O. seems a bit sensitive about this but I am not. Jacob Seabert was a landholder, member of the Lutheran Church, and his estate records prove he was a successful farmer. Philip Orndorff apparently never was able to purchase land and may well have been employed at Zane's Furnace. Philip and Elizabeth were married by a Presbyterian minister, yet both may have been Lutheran. Jacob Seabert was involved in the formation of a new Lutheran Church in 1764 so Elizabeth must have been Lutheran. I am not very fond of my ancestor Jacob Seabert because, if I am right, he not only rejected his daughter but rejected at least four of his grandchildren!

Sorry for the long digression but I have developed strong feelings toward my long dead ancestors. Possibly I am maligning Jacob unfairly but sometimes the records are definitely indicative of certain attitudes.

I am sorry about the family group sheets. I thought I had sent the records of Philip and John. I am one of those rare birds who does not relate to both lines so my info on John is somewhat sketchy. No doubt, Roy O. has more info on the children of John of Frederick as he does descend from him.

John of Frederick Co. left a Will and his estate sale proves that he was literate because there were books sold. And it is unlikely we will ever

Know if Philip was or not since he left so little evidence of his existence in the Valley. Excluding, of course, the records of his children.

January 23, 1977

Regarding Lewis Orndorff. I don't think he went to Tennessee prior to 1820, assuming he actually did. The 1820 Census has the following:

Washington Co., Va. - 1820

Orenduff, Isaac
Orenduff, John
Orenduff, Mordicai
Orenduff, Lewis
Orenduf, James
(All above on Page 224A)

It is possible that he died in Washington Co., Va. but perhaps some of his children migrated. Lewis was over 45 in 1810. Roy O. says that a John Orndorff, grandson of John of Frederick, migrated to Washington Co., Va. about 1820, married twice while there, and in the early 1830's migrated to Ohio, then later to Iowa. He left a large family and his descendants use the spelling Ornduff. And probably the descendants of Lewis Orndorff do too, whatever they may be. It seems so odd to me that no one has ever found a descendant of Lewis. Roy O. hasn't nor apparently did DWO.

Regarding Mrs. Jasperson's transcription of DWO's that you sent. Page 188 has information from James J. Orendorff and his father, James H. Orndorff. James H. Orndorff states that he is a grandson of Philip and the gentleman is quite correct. James H. was a son of Lewis who married first to a Williams and secondly to Isabella Copeland. And he was a son of the latter marriage because James was born in 1830 and Lewis and Isabella were married in 1829. Probably had no children by his first wife.

Regarding the others listed. I can't identify them. I don't know who Philip Orndorff was who married first to Elizabeth Ogden and secondly to Catharine Wymer. He wasn't Philip Jr. nor was he Philip (son of Jacob and grandson of Philip) because he married Ann Ridenour and moved to W. Va. I have no record of Philip (of Jacob Jr., of Jacob Sr. of Philip) nor of Philip of John except that he married Eleanor Williams. The name Philip was not used by Philip Jr., Lewis, Samuel or John nor did any of them have grandchildren named Philip. The names Wymer and Ogden do appear in the Valley and there was inter-marriage between the Wymers and Orndorffs but not early. Probably not prior to 1850 although I am not positive.

Names. You mention Klein and Zeigler and these two names do appear in the marriage records of Frederick Co. but are not associated with John or Philip as far as I know.

Estate sales are often good clues to relatives and neighbors because people living some distance away were not likely to attend unless they were relatives. John Orndorff's estate was sold on 14 Jan 1799 and names other than relatives were Conrad, Wolfe, Bucher, Clutter, White, Keckley (or Kackley), Bare, Sibert, Swayne, Williams, Banner, Himmilright, Rosenbrough (Rosenbaugh?), Frye, Brill, Likins and Bear.

I suspect that all of Philip and Elizabeth Seabert Orndorff's children were born in Frederick Co. but all died in Shenandoah Co. (except for Nellie maybe). As you will note, three of their sons married Peers and they lived

in the Cedar Creek area of Shenandoah Co. as early as 1785. As a matter of fact, Philip Peer owned a large portion of the Cedar Creek area, being owner of approximately 1000 acres when he died in 1799. Later, the sons of Philip came into ownership of some of his land through marriage and purchase. The sons of Philip Orndorff that is. According to a son's Revolutionary pension application, Philip Peer was in Va. by 1778 and we know he married his second wife in Va. Peer is really wierd. Philip owned nearly 1000 acres in 1799, yet there is only one land purchase for him of approximately 370 acres. Two of his sons are supposed to have been born in New Jersey, yet a Peer cousin has looked all over New Jersey and found no record of Philip. Peers, yes, but none that seem to fit with Philip. Violet is trying to publish Peer but wants earlier records of Philip. She has even hired pros with negative results. Philip Peer was as prolific as John O. of Frederick and more so because he had at least 16 children by two marriages. Philip and three children died of one of the virulent diseases of the period and three children were ill and recovered.

Roy O. says the families of the Cedar Creek area were German but tradition says the Peers were different. Understatement! We suspect they may have been from Holland and the Peer name does appear in the Dutch settlements of New York, however, again we can't connect in spite of the fact that there was a Philip Peer in the Militia of New York (about 1757 without looking) who is right to be our Philip as far as age is concerned. It is also most interesting to me that Philip Peer and John and Philip Orndorff appear in Va. at about the same time. Philip Peer apparently with some means because he was able to purchase land and it seems to me there should be some record of a land purchase or sale somewhere prior to his appearance in Va.

Incidentally, I am certain I am a descendant of Philip Peer or of the unknown Jacob Peer who also died in 1799, leaving only a estate settlement containing no names. He first appears in Shenandoah Co. on the 1791 personal property tax list but does not seem to have been a son of Philip. There is a Jacob Peer who may have been his son and it is possible that my Elizabeth Peer Orndorff was his daughter, however, neither shared in the Philip Peer land division. If Jacob who died in 1799 was a son of Philip, his children should have been included. I believe that Elizabeth Peer who married John O. of Philip was the illegitimate daughter of Philip Peer's daughter, Elizabeth Peer, who married Thomas Swayne in 1798. Thomas Swayne had been married previously but there is evidence that he and Elizabeth had children. Thomas Swayne was bondsman for John Orndorff and Elizabeth Peer and in 1850, Elizabeth Peer Swayne, was living with John and Elizabeth Orndorff. And there is the curious association of the name Bodkin with John and Elizabeth. Roy O.'s sister queried their aunt and uncle about the family and what seems to be a most accurate chart of names was compiled. The names are pretty well verified by census records and it would seem these two possessed excellent memories in 1935. They gave the name Bodkin in association with John and Elizabeth Peer Orndorff yet John was only about 23 when he married and there is no record of a previous marriage. Elizabeth Peer Swayne's brother, Henry Peer, married Sarah Bodkin though and about the time of my Elizabeth Peer Orndorff's birth, the Bodkins and Henry Peer seem to disappear from the Shenandoah Co. records! All purely conjecture, of course, but Elizabeth Peer Orndorff was not a daughter of any of Philip's sons. Philip Peer's sons. I'll never really know for sure.

The LDS Library. Groan! Yes, I know there is one here and it is actually located in a nearby suburb but it might as well be in a far southside suburb. I don't drive and there is no public transportation available. And, quite frankly, my husband is tolerant so long as he is not involved. In 1973, we went to the Valley of Va. and I was able to

to visit the courthouses in Augusta, Rockingham, Frederick and Shenandoah plus some sites connected with my ancestors, however, it was a hurried trip and Jim refused to participate in research of the records. My son, who is now 16½ and my daughter who is now 13 actually helped me by following my directions. I was probably fortunate that they were at the right age to be cooperative. My son has an ancestor-immigration project due Feb. 15th (American History) and I haven't been able to persuade him to begin. It is all now very boring. Perhaps it is only possible to experience the wonder of genealogical research by actually doing it. I read about a woman who had just received the sword of a relative who died in the Civil War. It had been picked up and the current owner graciously gave it to the family of the original owner after they had proved their relationship. The lady commented that she wasn't the "genealogical type" but was happy to have the sword. And what is the Genealogical Type?" My impression is that we are both male and female; young, old and middle-aged; possessors of several college degrees and high school graduates; and live all over the United States....on farms, in small towns, suburban areas and large cities.

Sorry about ~~that~~ but I guess I was a bit irritated. Wish someone would return a sword or, better yet, a lost family Bible!

Since I have been forced to do my research by correspondence, I owe much to a great many very kind and generous individuals whom I can never repay directly. The only way I can partially repay my debt is try to help others as I have been helped. I keep all correspondence on file and try to inform people of additional data. And I am collecting books which have proved most helpful, especially with clues. And there is a long list of ones I intend to purchase. And while speaking of books, I didn't know that the Christian Orndorff Family in Germany was still in print so I am glad Jack sent a copy of your letter. That I want too. I see they have raised the price on Miss Drake's other book as I only paid \$5.00 for it.

Odd about the difference in Peter O's Will. Perhaps the one mentioned in DWO's records was not the original. You know, I think clerks often copied a will into the records and what we see are only copies of the originals. For instance, many of the old wills were in German and had to be translated and then written into the record books. Frederick Co., Va. has a box full of old records written in German and perhaps many other counties do too where the population was largely German. If a man was very ill when he wrote his will, he wouldn't be able to go to the courthouse. Nor can I see the clerk taking the book to the individual. In Shenandoah Co., I believe the will was presented when a man died, the clerk wrote it into the records and then a date of probate was added at the same time. Thus often we do not see the originals. Have always wondered how many errors crept into them due to careless or tired clerks. You obviously have a copy of the original and that is great.

Sorry this letter is so messy but I have been working on it for awhile and at one point, someone else used the typewriter.

Good luck and thanks again.

Sincerely,

Betty

VIRGINIA O.S

June 10, 1977

Dear Camilla,

I haven't forgotten to answer your letter, but have waited until I wrote a few of the people that you gave me addresses. I wrote to Margaret Jasperson and Roy L Orndorff and both have been most helpful. Also found out that my Benjamin F. Orndorff was the youngest son of Isaac who was the youngest son of John. So it has taken me back two generations that I did not have. The Benjamin that I first found was a nephew to my Benjamin -- but they were born about the same time and horror of horrors, they both died the same winter! Now sort that out! Without Mrs. Jasperson's help, I don't think I could have.

I did write to some of the other people you mentioned but have not heard from them. My great grandfather spelled the name Orndorff. Whoever made out the death certificates for Benjamin and Amanda made one out spelled with the e and the other without.

We live about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Willamette River and the shopping center called Valley River. We used to have a lot of empty land around us but in the past 6 months it has built up. Makes our half acre seem like a park.

My phone number is 344-4571. I would love to have you call when you come.

I sent Margaret a list of Frederick County Va. marriages that I found in a book in the library. Also promised to send her the family group sheets. Do not have all the marriages of Benjamin and Amanda's children but will try to get them. I have a distant cousin in Utah that has been working on a genalogy of the family and if I can get him to answer my letter may be able to get some more information.

Thanks so much for the addresses to write. Just what I needed to know!

Sincerely,

Doris

Mrs. John Neely
1140 Butte Lane
Eugene, Oregon
97401

Miss Grace Drake
Evenglow Lodge
Pontian, Illinois 61764
Nov. 21, 1977

Dear Miss Drake:

I apologize for taking so long to write. I have finally sent a check for \$32.00 to purchase four more of the CHRISTIAN ORNDORFF FAMILY IN GERMANY books. Since I need them for Christmas gifts for my brothers, I would appreciate your getting them in the mail as soon as possible.

I have just returned from a very nice vacation, part of which I spent doing some research at Cleveland, Ohio, in the public library and the Western Reserve Historical Society there. I ran across some rather startling and interesting information regarding the Christian Orndorff line.

Albeight, S.C., "Graves That Tell a Tale" PAPERS OF THE LEBANON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, V. VIII p. 79. (#3)

Directory of the Plot of Hebron Moravian Cemetery, Lebanon, Pa.

Grave No.	NAME	CHOIR	BIRTH	DEATH
9	Agnes Ohrendorf	Married Women		1751

The implications of this are rather clear: The first wife of Christian Orndorff died not in Germany, but in America and much later than was thought. It is obvious that she, not Elizabeth von Mueller, was the mother of the known children of Christian I. Since Christian I is mentioned as a widower in a record in 1752 (The insert to your books "Moravion Pioneers in the Swatara Valley - 1752, Pennsylvania Dutchman, Dec. 15, 1950, p. 6) then he probably married Elizabeth von Mueller after 1752 and she was not the mother of his earlier children, as thought, although she could be the mother of other children whose names are unknown, if indeed more were born after 1752.

I have also noticed a Mueller family in church records with the Ohrendorffs of this time period, seemingly supporting this possibility.

I have not xeroxed the entire article but have xeroxed four relevant pages and if you would like, will send you copies. I imagine you will want to incorporate this information in some kind of form to send with books that you sell in the future.

I am rather surprised that this information has not surfaced before this time. This paper was presented to the Society in 1916. (Sept was published in Volume VIII around 1924. Mr. James Ridgely Orndorff must have missed this one. I guess your sister never visited there. It is too bad because she spent so much time, effort and money trying to trace Elizabeth von Mueller in Germany. She would have been saved all of that.

My research has continued all this time and I have naturally run across a good deal of additional material on various branches of the Orndorff families. I may have told you already, I don't recall, but I have found that Herman Orndorff, who lived near Christian I in Lebanon County, was indeed related to him, but is not his son, probably a nephew. Herman was my ancestor. I have determined that Herman also came from the same village of Eichen as Christian I did and that Herman's wife's maiden name was also Waschenbach, as was Christian's wife Agnes. Herman immigrated here not long after he was married. He was the son of an Ebert Orndorff in Germany and I believe that Ebert Orndorff was related to Christian I's father, but right now I forget exactly how. The Mormons have filmed many church records and the Freudenberg records have been filmed and I have a copy of them at the local LDS library which I put on permanent loan.

That's all for now. I am very excited about this recent find. It is the earliest record (in the U.S.) that I have uncovered myself about Orndorffs in this country.

Again, I would appreciate your getting those books in the mail as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. A. W. Berger
19702 Crestknoll Dr.
Yorba Linda, Ca. 92686

Dear Ms. Berger,

I thank you for your letter to the
Cline/Kline/Klein Clearing House.

I was interested to note that I have
an Orndorff marrying a Cline in a booklet
I have on another Cline family. At first I
thought I had something for you when I looked
under the surname file and found Orndorff.

As I record Klein information I will be
alert to your problems. Also, I too am searching in
Adams Co. Pa but for Houghtelin, Diehl, Covert,
Conover, Bosserman, DeGraff etc in the Low Dutch
Colony there, ^{also the German settlement.} I have 1 Adams Co. bk & plan to get the
other two volumes.

Let's just hope that in my constant
quest for Klein tidbits that something will show
up that may help solve your problems.

In case you're interested: Virginia
Cline dau of Asa & Margaret M^cKeever Cline (Hampshire Co.
W. Va) m. Thomas Orndorff 27 Dec 1892. He was
b. 26 Oct 1862 and owned an iron works at
Winchester, West Virginia. ch.

Grace b. 5 Oct 1897

Mary b. 19 May 1896 d. 24 Feb 1911

Alice b. 9 Mar 1898 m. Bernard Grove
on 25 Nov 1919 (owned drug store in Winchester)

Berks Co
or
I have no one searching for Lebanon Co.
Klein's but every few days I get query letters -
who knows.

Hope I can help someday.

Sincerely,
Ellen Byaska

P.S. I hope I haven't written to you previously &
put your letter back in the unanswered pile
by mistake. Seems to me I once answered your
letter - please forgive repetition if I did. I write
many letters & to err is human -

June 21, 1977

Dear Mrs. Berger,

It was kind of you to brief me on your new genealogical findings and to send me a copy of your letter to Roy Orndorff.

Sorry you have been ill. Many of my friends have had similar ailments, caused I suppose by something the bodies have absorbed. So much pollution in air, water and soil! We had pollution alert for two days in a row then heavy, fierce thunderstorms when I thought all Heavens would break loose on two successive evenings. A blessing because it brought our water level up! Hope you are fully recovered by now!

How thankful I am you have the interest and ability to ferret out those important, vital statistics of our Ancestors, and back up with scientifically applied sources of proof! It takes an efficient, skillful worker as you are. Three cheers for Camilla!

2750 VIRGINIA AVE. C214
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May 22, 1983

Dear Camilla:

It's been too long since we communicated and I trust that things are going well with you. You haven't given up genealogy in favor of grand-mothering ?

We are still in a state of confusion and I find little time for genealogy except for trying to answer occasional inquiries. The complications involved in moving from Virginia to Maryland have been unbelievable. Which reminds me that our checking account at First Virginia Bank has been held open awaiting the check that I sent you in December. If you, by any chance, mis-laid it, let me know and I'll stop payment and write another.

We have plane tickets to fly to Frankfort in late July and return from London. We expect to use about two weeks in Germany and perhaps Austria and one in England. This was proposed by our daughter, Carol, and her husband, David, as they will be more or less free while their two boys are in camp. We plan to travel by car which they will drive. Because of limitations of language and time, I don't expect to try any research beyond looking around in the Siegerland area and possibly looking up some of the modern-day Ohrendorffs. Incidentally, I wrote the German National Tourist Office, 747 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, for literature and one of the pieces they sent is a slick paper folder that opens to about 24 inches square. The title is SIEGERLAND-WITTGENSTEIN and one side is combination relief map-drawing (perspective) of an area about thirty miles wide (east to west) centered on Siegen and including Burbach and Freudenberg. It shows the topography, with all the towns, mountains, streams and roads in a way that could not be achieved with a map. I know you would enjoy looking at it and strongly suggest you write for one.

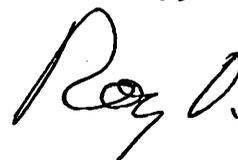
Our older son and his wife just returned from a tour of about seven weeks through much of Europe. I haven't had much opportunity to talk with them but they did pause at Burbach and said it is a very up-and-coming little industrial city.

I'll enclose a page from an issue of PENN IN HAND, newsletter of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, as I think you will be interested in the project to identify places of origin of the German immigrants. The information you have assembled on Orndorff and other immigrant families would make a major contribution to the project and I am sure would be greatly appreciated by the Society. I could supply data to them on Philip Henrich Arndorff but believe it would be better if this were included with all the other families from that area that you have identified. Please don't think I'm looking for work for you - I just think you have done a marvelous job in searching out these people and you should receive whatever credit there is.

The newsletter item about Chester County Archives is very interesting and I hope I can find an opportunity to use them - perhaps to look for info on such questions as land purchases and sales by Philip Henrich and John O., and John's marital ventures.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,



ROY L. ORNDORFF
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

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WILLIAMSPORT, MD 21795

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December 3, 1982
(301) 223-7611

Dear Camilla:

Well, this is my first stab at genealogy since writing you in late July. In the meanwhile, we sold our Arlington house - at a much reduced price - disposed of great quantities of accumulated "stuff", packed and moved here a month ago. Even after all the sales, give-aways and trashing we brought along far too many things for the space we have here. However, we are pretty well settled and I believe it is going to be a pleasant and comfortable way of life.

Thanks for your letter of October 20th and its enclosures. I haven't really attacked Herr Schmeck's document but I can see that it has important information on my ancestors. I can never adequately thank you for what you have done in finding and giving us this long-lost history of our progenitors. The least I can do is enclose another small contribution to your money cost.

There are a couple of questions that I could use some enlightenment on when you can find the time:

Is the denomination of the Eurbach church the Evangelical Reformed? I expect you have told me this but it has escaped me now.

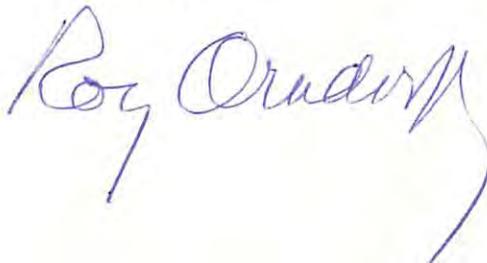
What do you make of Herr Schmeck's several references to "zu Orndorff" and, in one place at least, to "Hof Ohrndorf"? Would this indicate that Orndorff or Ohrndorf was a community?

I just noticed that you asked, in an earlier letter, if I have a birth date for John Orndorff, the son of Philip Henrich Arndorff. No, I don't have a date but, for several years, have estimated his birth as ca. 1744. This was based mainly on the Chester County tax lists which carried him as an "inmate" in 1767, and then as owner of 70 acres of land in 1767. My information is that the term "inmate" in those records signified one who was 21 or older and a renter of land. Also, census and other records indicate his oldest son was born ca 1765. This was guesswork, of course, but it looks good in the light of Herr Schmeck's finding of February 6, 1744.

We congratulate you on becoming a grandmother. I know you will enjoy the role and trust the family lives close enough that you can see them often.

I am sorry that we will not be in Arlington if you come there in January but hope we can maintain communication nevertheless.

Sincerely,



May 17, 1977

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger
19702 Crestknoll Dr.
Yorba Linda, Ca. 92686

Dear Mrs. Berger,

Trust you can forgive my long delay in answering your letter of Sept. 8, 1976, which came about the time I left D. C. for Pa. and Midwest.

It had been over a year since my last visit ^{mid-}west, and during that time some property I owned ^{there} had almost gone down into a state of ruin. An old house which I had converted into three small apartments, had much repairs needed: the roof, the gutters, siding on all outside walls, some inside walls pannelled, storm windows. A considerable expense was involved ---- either that or alternative of complete ruin. The contracts were made first part of October & never completed until
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Dec. 24, 1976. Everything else had to be pushed aside.

Then I was called to Ohio and Indiana on business. Suddenly severe winter approached and what a winter! I was snow bound, ice bound, way out in the country off big highways, transportation was so thwarted, there I was stuck until March '77.

You can just imagine what I faced when I returned to D. C. after being away 6 months! A monumental problem of obligations! Bills, Communications, renewals of subscriptions to magazines, Club dues, besides going through stacks of adds, second class mail, invitations etc. I thought would lose my mind. Just now beginning to "catch up." Please do not be too hard on me for neglecting you so!

And now to get back to your letter of Sept. 8, 1976. Of course I was interested to know you found the name of Joannes or Johannes

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Orndorff - in that same area of Pa. where there is a record of Lewis Orndorff. (The spellings of names - - - - I wonder, could it have been inconsistencies or maybe misprints?)

My father was a very brilliant man, his assumptions may not have always been accurate, but I think they should be taken into serious consideration.

Of course I'm very much interested in any Orndorff History you may discover from the Lutheran Church records, Pikeland Township, Chester Co. Pa.

Wish I walked more easily and could travel with ease, but I'm 80 now and it is difficult. However, I try to keep up best I can.

Please write me again of any of your new findings! Let me know how I can help!

Trayfully & sincerely,
Nora Lee Orndorff

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My life interests, my studies and long career were far removed from genealogical work. At the same time I was proud of what my father was trying to do, and think he did make some contribution that was appreciated.

My active years were given almost completely to instruction of little Pre-School thru' Sixth Grade, mostly Music, Art, and Drama. You, Roy and others who may assist you deserve great credit for your patience and proficiency. At least I can send you my encouraging wishes and good vibrations.

Hope Jim is still around for that Reunion Margaret is planning for 1986. Is she your sister? Right now I'm placing my order for a copy of your forthcoming book. Good luck!

Most sincerely,
Nara Lee Orndorff

Jan. 4, 1976
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Miss Nora Lee Orndorff
3000 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Miss Orndorff,

I was very interested to hear from you and to hear from someone else who had heard something about a Russian connection with the Orndorff name.

At first, I too thought that this would be too difficult to trace, and I may yet be right. However, there are at least a couple of sources that I am in the process of checking out.

First, there is an American Historical Society of Germans from Russia located in Nebraska. They put out an annual genealogical publication called "Clues." They also have a genealogical committee which will answer questions. But both this service and "Clues" are available only to members so I have joined this organization. I filled out a data sheet on my ancestors and I listed all three of the names on the 1753 passenger list.

Second, I do quite a bit of my research at the local Latter-Day Saints Genealogical Library near me. Although they have a small microfilm collection I can order any films from Salt Lake at a nominal charge. You probably know that you don't have to be a Mormon to use their facilities (I'm not). In their locality file (more or less a card catalog on microfilm-arranged by area) they have a section on Russia.

To my surprise they have a surprising amount of material on Germans and other Europeans who emigrated to Russia. Only the materials on microfilm can be borrowed from Salt Lake, books can not be borrowed. However, there are a number of interesting films, many rolls which list Germans who went to Russia and other places. Included is a list from a place in Germany called Oberndorf. Unfortunately the dates from this promising item are from the 1770's about but I will check them anyway.

I have ordered some of these films and will be looking at them this week.

NORA LEE ORNDORFF
3000 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20008

May 24, 1976

Dear Mrs. Berger,

You have been so patient with me, --- I do appreciate.

I must have told you about some of my struggles of 1976. The old flu bug pounced upon me the end of last December ---- stayed with me during Jan. & Feb. Finally by first week of March I began to feel in good shape, ready to take a new lease on life. On March 4th I attended XIXth Century Club at the YWCA and was leaving enroute to take a dear old friend out to Luncheon. I fell just one step (the last one) and broke right wrist in two places. As a result I have been almost completely handicapped for over two months.

Now I'm almost back to normal and will try to continue my communication with you.

First of all --- Daddy has come under
[much

criticism for his history mainly because of traditions he reported and assumptions he included.

My father spent much time and money; and gave much thought to collecting this family history. His hope was to have it accurate and accredited but he was not a trained Historian, primary sources were not always named, so I can understand how vulnerable it could be in places --- where critics could attack.

I happened to be in Pa. with him for a short time, summer of 1953. He desired greatly to have his findings recorded in a small book, so I copied down his dictation and from his papers, rushed it to the Printers. He went over the galley proof together --- but unfortunately he did not live to see it in book form.

It was necessary for me to return to my teaching obligations here in D.C. ^{so} was not with him at the time of his "leaving" --- we had said Good-bye only a few days before.

NORA LEE ORNDORFF
3000 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20008

The loss of my father was a very sad experience in my life. -- we were very close and I believe very much alike in our thinking ^{and} ways of living. But now let's get back to some of our problems!

My Uncle Ben Orndoff studied medicine in Germany in the early part of this century. On one occasion when he returned to U.S.A. for a vacation he visited at our home. I may have been about 10 years of age --- (1907-1908)?

I have a faint recollection of his discussion with my father to this effect: that the Orndorffs of Germany were connected with Russian Orndorffs? in some literary way. I also recall my father did not give credence to this bit of information --- just pushed it aside. I have often wondered about that.

At one of our family reunions we resolved to replace the last "or" in our name ---- it had been dropped by many of our Colonial cousins.

My Uncle Ben always kept the Orndoff spelling because of his medical associations in many parts of [the] world.

P.S. Was able to locate a few remaining of Daddy's history. I have mailed you one under separate cover as a gift. You may keep the other one too if you need it. 9/20

but his children my cousins did insert the "r".

I am also eager to get more on Lewis Arndorff and if I get stronger will make a trip to Chester Co. Pa. for that purpose.

About 10 years I had a strange, interesting experience ---- In a small Chinese Cafe ^{here} I happened to be placed beside a lady who was willing to chat. Just now I cannot recall her name but think I have it in one of my old address books. She had spent 19 years as a social worker of some nature in Africa, and that very next day was leaving for China. When I introduced myself she was surprised and told me her mother's ^{maiden} name was Orndorff - and later in the conversation when the name Conrad came up --- and her ears became sharper --- as that happened to be her father's first name. That incident may or may not have any significance in ~~that~~ our study.

I do not know about the Eichers, but would certainly like to know more about the Ephrata Society. I want ^{to} give further study to the still of your Peter O. Sr. There is so much work still to be done.

This has been quite an undertaking for my poor old weak wrist. Hope this is not too illegible. Most sincerely, Nora Lee Orndorff

Virginia O's

February 19, 1977

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger
19702 Crestknoll Drive
Yorba Linda, California 92686

Dear Mrs. Berger,

I am working on a genealogy of the Orendorff family.

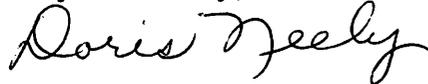
I am the great-granddaughter of Benjamin F. Orendorff who was born 8 JAN 1836. He was the son of Jesse Orendorff (born about 1802) who was married to Eliza E _____ (born about 1809). Some of Benjamin's brothers and sisters were Brittain H., Josiah H., Jacob W., Mary Ann, Eveline V., Hampton H., Mason D., E. Victoria, Eliza E., and Julius C. Benjamin F. was born between Jacob W. and Mary Ann. They lived in Hardy County, Virginia, in 1850.

I do not know the names of Jesse's parents or brothers and sisters.

Would you be able to help me with any of this information? If you don't know any of this information, would you know of someone who could help me? I would be willing to exchange any information that I have on Benjamin's family and/or descendents, where they lived, children, and so on.

I would be most grateful for your help!

Very sincerely,



Doris Neely (Mrs. John)
1140 Butte Lane
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Virginia O.

Mrs. Brent W. Ossman
13004 Kiley Court
Woodbridge, Virginia
22193

November 5, 1975

Mrs. Camilla Berger
19702 Crest Knoll Drive
Yorba Linda, California

Dear Mrs. Berger:

I am answering your ad from the Genealogy Helper requesting information on the Orndorf name. I have just started researching this name myself and have very little but will give you what I do have. I do have some very good "leads" to go on so I expect to have lots more information on my line soon. If you do tie in to my direct line please let me know and we can work together.

I don't know if a Mr. Roy Orndorf has written you or not but if he has not this is the information he has passed on to me. By the way, I do go to the Library of Congress off and on and if you perhaps belong to one of the "main" lines they would be published and I could photostat copies for you.

1. A line founded by Peter and Conrad, brothers, lived in Frederick Co., Md (now Carroll Co.) came abt 1753; centered around Westminster, Md. and Gettysburg, Penn; descendants all over.

2. Mr. Roy Orndorf's line: headed by John, Philip and Lewis in Frederick Co., Va. in 1782.

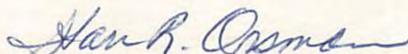
3. A line founded by Christian Ohrndorf in 1741. He settled in Penn; decendants moved on to W. Md., then S. Ky, in 1820's to north central Ill; consisted of many Orndorf lines.

4. Lastly, a line in New York Colony, 1709-1710; descendants are still in Herkimer Co., N.Y.; and all over as well.

This is the content of Mr. Orndorf's letter, I hope it will be of assistance to you. This is his address if you wish to write him: 4624 23rd Road North, Arlington, Va.

Please give me what you have so that I may keep it on file for further reference in case we cross lines.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Brent Ossman

Elva Marie Orndorf →
b. 4 Aug 1903
Dayton, Ohio

(my grandmother) ↓

Walter F. Orndorf
b. 11 Oct 1881
Sugar Creek, Ohio
d. unknown

Ida Shank
b. 12 Aug 1887
New Lebanon, Ohio
d. Unknown

William Orndorf
b. age 26 on 1880 census
Virginia

Sarah Addie Method
b. age 24 on 1880 census
Ohio

Michael M. Shank
b. 18 Sept 1853
Lancaster, Penn
d. 27 Oct 1918
Dayton, Ohio

Mary Catherine Whiting
b. 1 Dec 1854
Ohio
d. 16 Sept 1905
Dayton, Ohio

over for children

Children of Marie Orndorf:(Schieding)

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Roy, born 29 May 1924, Ohio; both adopted, Roy adopted and name changed to Edwin Evans Welsh, my Dad.

2. Children of Walter Orndorf:

Marie-b. 4 Aug 1903

Irena 1 Mar 1906 (deceased)

Mable 5 Mar 1908

Clara 8 Mar 1910 (deceased)

Walter L. 4 Jan 1912

Charles 27 Feb 1914 (deceased)

Mahlon 18 Jun 1916 (adopted by Berst Family)

3. Children of William Orndorf:

John- age 3 on 1880 census

Amelia age 1 on 1880 census

Walter, b. 1881

(If any other children I do not know about them)

Nov. 10, 1975
Yorba Linda, Ca.

Dear Mrs. Ossman,

Always glad to hear from someone working on the Orndorf name. This was my maiden name.

Yes, I have heard from Mr. Roy Orndorff. He has sent only a letter fragment relating to one of my ancestors but I think he may send more information on my line later on.

I am descended from the Peter who lived in Carroll County Maryland and was a brother of Conrad. My information is mostly in the form of a descendant chart written down in 1890 by my grandfather's elder sister and listing Peter Orndorff (died-will prob. Sept. 17, 1786, Fred. Co. Md. and many of his descendants, some lines down to the sixth and one the seventh generation. There are lists of what appears to be the first two generations complete after Peter. That would be his children and grandchildren. Of course I must prove each step and I am working my way back. I am also descended from a different Orndorff line, one in Lebanon Co., Pa., probably the Christian Orndorff line. My 3rd great-grandfather Jacob married a Catherine ORNDORFF from Lebanon Co. Pa.

I will send you some pedigree charts and family group sheets. I do not ~~hi~~ have all my information put on family group sheets yet. It would amount to probably 40 or 50 sheets but I will send you those most relevant to me that are in that form. I will send more later.

Have you written to Mrs. Jasperson in Illinois yet? She runs a sort of informal family organization. Her address is:

Mrs. Leslis G. Jasperson	Send any charts and family
1681 Maple Ave.	group sheets that you have.
Galesburg, Illinois 61401	She'll try to help you out.

Thank you very much for your offer of help at Library of Congress. You are fortunate to be able to go there. If I ever need help in that direction I would be most grateful for your assistance.

Mr. Roy Orndorff seems to be most competent. He's been working on his line 25 years and some one my line in order to distinguish it from his. I'm sure he can be of help to you. I can see no way your line connects to mine at this time. If you can send family group sheets it might be helpful. I sometimes get information on other lines.

Thank you so much for writing
and good luck.

I also have many more generations of the line of Peter, Jr., not complete, but some as far as the sixth and seventh generation. I am the eighth generation. My great-great grandfather William Orendorff of Mediapolis, Iowa was a speaker at the first Orendorff Reunion in Bloomington, Ill. 1886.

One of my correspondents, a Roy Orndorff, has been working on this line for twenty-five years. The author of the book, John Barclay Orndorff, is a relative of his. His feelings are that he can not prove or disprove that the Johannes Peter and Johann Conrad are the same that Barclay claims they are. The author offered not one shred of evidence for this claim. Since it is not documented I would be very cautious about accepting it at face value. I too am not positive that my Peter is the same as the passenger list but I have just as much reason to believe my theory as John Barclay Orndorff has to believe his. Scientific method has to be applied in genealogical research as far as is possible. Roy Orndorff and others feel that the 1753 Johannes Peter and Johann Conrad are the same Peter and Conrad who settled in the Frederick County area. I understand that a researcher ~~was~~ visited Germany and hired a genealogist to find the origins of this Johannes Peter in the area where Christiana Orndorff originated. He found nothing at all.

However, according to my family tradition, the Orndorffs were Germans from Russia, had helped to write the Russian Dictionary. Three brothers had left Russia and went to three different countries, one Germany and two Scandinavian countries. I don't know if these were the ones who immigrated or not. However, it would explain why there was no trace of a Johannes Peter in Germany, if my theory is correct. You will remember that Peter the Great who ruled Russia about 1789-1825 brought a great many Europeans, Germans, Dutch, English and others to bring "culture" and technology to the backward and primitive Russians.

I am now in the process of "proving" my line, the information found in my descendant chart. So far I have worked my way back to William Orendorff, my ^{2nd} great-grandfather and I am ready to start on his father Jacob Orndorff, son of Peter, Jr.

I am very interested in your wife's line and would like to know what documentation you have that traces back to this Johannes Peter. Incidentally my Peter, Sr.'s wife is named Ann in his will. so probably your wife's line and mine are not the same. Incidentally, my maiden name is Orndorff.

What documentation, for example do you have for the Johannes Peter who died in Frederick County #798? Perhaps you have some information that I am not aware of.

My Orndorffs lived mainly in the Maryland (Carroll County) and Adams County, Pa. area. I am also descended from another ~~line~~ line of Orndorffs. My 3rd great-grandfather Jacob married a Catherine Orndorff born in Lebanon County, Pa.

July 13, 1978

Mrs. ~~Thomas~~ E. Smith
10903 Cavalier Drive
Silver Spring, Md. 10901

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I was very pleasantly surprised to received a generous packet of information and a letter from Roy L. Orndorff concerning the research you have done. It seems you have uncovered information that he has been looking for for over 25 years!

There is a published index of wills and administrations for Chester Co., Pa. but the will of Philip Arndorff is not in it. I guess you must have checked a different index that we had not seen. I am not a descendant of this line, but occasionally when I run across materials on Chester Co., Pa. I do look at them. Most of my research is done with L.D.S. microfilm and some very good libraries in Southern California.

I have been looking over the information which I have at home to see how this new material fits in. I believe I can demonstrate fairly convincingly that the Philip Arndorff of the 1777 will is the same Philip Henrich Arndoff who is on the 1753 passenger list in Strassburger-Hinke's PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN PIONEERS (hereafter referred to as PGP). ~~ONE~~ can never be 100% sure in genealogy, but the following items strongly suggest this conclusion.

1. "I Philip Arndoff of the Township of Vincent...State of Pennsylvania Taylor" Probably the word Taylor is Tailor and this was his profession. Also if he was a tailor, it might explain why he didn't own land, not being a farmer.
2. The German word for "tailor" is Schneider. It comes from the verb schneiden which means, literally, to cut.
3. Listed immediately after the name of Philip Heinrich Ahrendorff on the 1753 passenger list (PGP VI.II p. 577) is the name Andreas Sneiter. There are also other Sneiters on this same ship's list, Johannes Philip Sneiter, Conrad Sneiter, John Georg Sneiter, Hieronimus Sneiter, Johannes Sneiter, and John Georg Sneiter.
4. The will of Philip Arndoff mentions a son-in-law named Cronomous Taylor. The name "Cronomus" stands for Geronimus, a form of Hieronymus (see PGP V. I p. 232).
5. Therefore the name of the man Hieronimus Sneiter on board the ship "Edinburgh" with Philip Heinrich Arndoff could also be translated as Cronomous Taylor, the name of Philip's son-in-law. Not necessarily the same, ~~name~~, of course, but the implications are obvious.

I would like to give you a little background on the 18th century Orndorff families of Colonial America.

EMIGRANTS:

1709: Heinrich Ohrendorff emigrated to N.Y. as a newly married man. He had many descendants. One apparent son stayed in New York (Columbia), but he supposedly had other sons as well. Tradition, no proof, says that one son went to Baltimore and one went to Cuba. (In Baltimore church records in 1762 I find an unidentified Henry Ohrendorf) Henry Ohrendorff came from the very same area of Germany as did Christian and Herman Ohrendorff. Henry or Henrich also has some connections to their families. After his father died (in Germany) his mother married a Joh. Henrich Weschenbach. Christian's mother was a Weschenbach and Herman married an Anna Margareta Weschenbach (you found them in a church record). Herman and Anna Margareta's marriage and many records are in the parishes of Freudenberg and Oberfischbach near Siegen in Germany. Heinrich, Christian and Herman were born within just a few miles of each other.

1737: Herman and Anna Marg. settled near Lebanon, Pa. Before I received your information, the latest mention I had of Herman's wife Anna Marg. was the 1739 baptismal record. But now we know that she was alive as late as 1751 in that baptismal record which you found. All records of Herman to this point in time have been in Protestant church records. When Herman died about 1777-8 his intestate estate lists a wife Catherine, so he obviously married at least for a second time. He left a number of children, some under 14 some over 14 and at least one (Lorentz) who had reached the age of majority. We don't know for sure which children belong to which mother. Herman and Anna Marg.'s daughter born in 1739 (Anna Maria) is not mentioned. All records that we have found of Herman's children place them in CATHOLIC church records. Furthermore, the history of St. Mary's Catholic church in Lebanon, Pa. gives the Orndorff farm as the site of the first Catholic cemetery and also indicates that Masses were held there for many years. In 1813 land held by, and sold by the Orndorffs, became the site for the new Catholic church built about that time. Lorentz was murdered in 1791 and the subsequent inheritance and land records give some good information. Lorentz's brothers Christian and John (and also at least one of his sisters) moved over to the Adams Co., Pa.-Carroll Co., Md. area about 1800. I am descended from one of the younger daughters Maria Christena. Since Christena named her first daughter Catherine, I would presume she was a daughter of Herman's second wife.

1765: The following connection to the 1765 emigrants Joh. Henrich O. and John O. is strictly SPECULATION: About 1767 we find records of a John Orndorff, doctor in Lancaster Co. land records. One of those beautiful land records that indicate relationships showed that he married a ~~Marga~~ ~~Clar~~ Clark, daughter of Daniel and Mary Clark. Sometimes he is mentioned as being of Lebanon and others of Elizabethtown vicinity. He is listed in the 1790 census of Lancaster Co. From later land records we know he had at least one son named Herman. The 1800 census shows both a Herman and a Mathias living near Elizabethtown. We also know from the land records that this John, doctor, and his wife Margaret were both dead at least by 1803. This Mathias is my ancestor and he married Christena, daughter of Herman O. of Lebanon (but I have only old family records, not documentary PROOF of this marriage, but much circumstantial evidence). This Mathias and Christena also moved over to Adams Co. about 1800 with Christena's brothers Christian and John. Herman remained in Elizabethtown, but his descendants mentioned that he had had brothers who moved to Adams Co., Pa. You will recall that I mentioned earlier that Mathias and Christena's daughter Catherine married Jacob Orndorff, son of Peter, Jr. and that these are my ancestors. I have an old daguerreotype (copy) of Jacob and Catherine Orndorff which must have been taken in the 1860's! What a thrill! They told their children that they were distant cousins. There were some records connecting Peter and Mathias Orndorff in Adams Co., Pa. (as a guarantor for mortgage or something like that). MORE SPECULATION: Looking back over the German church records (index to parish of Freudenberg) I find that Herman, the 1737 emigrant, had brothers named Mathias, Johann Henrich, and Johannes. Johannes was born in 1731 and that would make him 19 years younger than his older brother Herman. Possibly Herman's two younger brothers followed him over in 1765. But this is really just speculation.

ODDS & ENDS: I had also found records of this Henry Ernsdorff in Pa. and I am quite interested in him, especially because of his connection to Herman O. The name Ernsdorf is found in the same parish records as the Orndorffs in Germany. There are many marriages between the two, although it is unclear whether it is a separate surname or has a common derivation. There are many villages with names ending in "dorf" in this part of Germany.....such as Oberdorf, Ollendorf, etc. However, I have also found a record in the same vicinity of a Michael Orensdorff (around Lebanon/Berks Co.) approximately mid-eighteenth century, and a later record of a Michael Orensdorff in Philadelphia in 1781, probably his son. The insertion of the extra "s" after the "n" might mean a connection between these two.

There are also some 18th century records of a John O. and Henry O. which we can't connect. We don't really know how these people fit in. As for the Henry Ernsdorff you found, he could be a younger relative of Christian I who came with him in 1741 but was too young to be on the passenger list, he could have come on some other ship and missed the list, or he could have come before lists were kept. He could ALSO be a son of the N.Y. Henry. Tulpehocken is also the area where many of the N.Y. Germans later settled. He is the right age. He might also have gone on to Baltimore as he does not appear ~~after~~ 1761/1760's.

If you ever have a chance to go back and get the birth records of Henry Ensdorff's children I would greatly appreciate having a copy of them as I have not found the complete record on microfilm, only extracts.

I have a somewhat scanty knowledge of German, but with a dictionary I can get by. I have looked at the Nassau-Dillenberger emigration list of the 18th century and have found the origin of some of the passengers on the ship "Edinburgh" in 1753. Some of them are listed quite close to the Orndorff families:

Philip Wagner - Eibelshausen in Dillkreis, Hesse (settled Chester Co.)

John Daniel Schlapig-Bergebersbach - near Dillkreis, Hesse
John Just Schlapig

Johannes Aurant - Ebersbach - in or near Dillkreis - Hesse
Johannes Miller - Ebersbach - in or near Dillkreis - Hesse
Johannes Grave - Ebersbach - in or near Dillkreis - Hesse
Joh. Christ. Smit - Beilstein - Dillkreis - Hesse
Johannes Rein Shmit (Amt)

Jerg Scheffer Eibelshausen in Dillkreis, Hesse (

This area of Hesse is just over the line from the present Siegkreis or district of Sieg (Siegerland vicinity) from where Christian, Herman, and Johann Henrich emigrated. It is also known that there were Ohrendorffs living in Dillenburg, which is in Dillkreis. None of the Dillkreis church records have been microfilmed yet. The Kreis Sieg is in the area of Nordrhein-Westfalen and the extreme southern tip. I think that eventually we can find their origins either in the Siegen area of the Dillkreis vicinity.

By the way, Johannes Aurant* is listed immediately after Andreas Sneiter.

I spoke to Nora Lee Orndorff on the phone recently, and have also corresponded with her in recent years. She seemed to me genuinely anxious to find out the truth about her ancestors, whatever it might be, as she once put it. I think that there are still enough things in her father's book to commend that her feelings would not be too hurt. She is aware of some of the errors already. And he was right about some parts of it, such as Hannah McIlwee, although they probably were never married. Even the name Elizabeth Mentz might turn out to be Philip Henrich's wife Elizabeth--who knows? One of the few other Mensch-Mentz names on Pennsylvania German Pioneers is listed next to a Schneider. (see PGP V. I p. 437) I think we can emphasize the positive a bit and deemphasize the negative.

*father of the Reformed minister, Rev. John Dietrich Aurandt.

Sept. 3, 1981

Dear Danny:

I believe I already answered your letter inquiring about the Oringderff name but at that time I couldn't find some of my files. I now have the information and I'm not sure what I've sent and what I haven't. So here goes.

I located the group sheet I made up out of the information sent to me by Mrs. Ralph H. Bryant, 112 E. Jefferson, Levelland, Texas 79336.

She claims that the father of James Verle Orndorff was a Charles William Henry Orndorff born in Aldrich, Polk Co., MO (near Bolivar). I have one birth date for him from Mrs. J.V. Oringderff of 30 Oc 1885 and died 1908, HOWEVER YOUR LETTER INDICATES THAT he was born in the 1870's. I don't know if I sent the following information to you already, but I had copied some material from the 1880 census SOUNDEX for the state of Missouri. This would include not all Orndorff-Oringderff, etc. families but only those that had living with them any children under that age of 10. It is phonetic index. The original of the 1880 census will give more information, including the birthplace of both parents of each person.

Here are some families in Polk Co., MO in the 1880 Soundex. You can order the original census from your own public library, although it may take some weeks to get.

There is a Charles H. born c. 1873 MO who could well be your ancestor:

John Orinderf	ae 33	o	born OHIO	Vol. 27 Enumeration Dist.112
Mary S. "	28	wife	TN	Sheet 20, line 42
Charles H.	7	son	MO	
Alta	5	dau	MO	
Ida M.	4	dau	MO	
John A.	½	son	MO	

The above and the other mentions of Orinderf, etc. in Polk Co. 1880 seem to coordinate with the earlier census readings in Gallia Co. Greene Twp. Ohio:

1850 Census Gallia Co. Greene Twp.

John Oringderff	ae 36	Blacksmith	born VA
Sarah	25		"
F ranus (probably Francus)	12		"
Henry	10		VA
John	4		OH
William	1		OH

1860 Census Gallia Co. Greene Twp.

John Orendorff	47	OH
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1860 Census

Gallia Co. Greene Twp.

John Orendorff	47	born OH
Sarah "	37	"
John	13	"
William	11	
Charles	9	etc.
James	5	
Eveline	2	
William Smith	19	

also nearby a laborer living with a John R. Blessing was:

Henry Orendorff	20	VA
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FAMILY GROUP No. _____

Husband's Full Name ^{William} Charles Henry Lee Oringderff

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
(1) Mrs. J.V. Oringderff	30	0c	1885	Polk Co. ^{Polk Co.} St. Louis Co.	Mo.		
3514 N. Nichols- Ft. Worth, Tex 76106				(near Bolivar)			
(2) in pen-							
Mrs. Ralph H. Bryant	28	Je	1908	Grayford		Texas	
112 E. Jefferson						Arkansas	
Welland, Texas 79336							
Welland							

Death ^{April} 1973
 Burial Tolar Hood Co. Texas
 Places of Residence ^{Polk} St. Louis Co. Mo. Arkansas (1916-20), Texas
 Occupation ^{Farmer} Church Affiliation ^{Baptist} 1919 - Military Rec.
 Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. #2 Ida (married 1st Mrs. Ch.H.L. O's brother 1900. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father ^{JAMES A.} Henry Oringderff Mother's Maiden Name ^{Rebecca Susan Walker}

Wife's Full Maiden Name Sarah Olive Stroman

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	29	Ja	1887		TITUS CO.	TEXAS	
Chr'nd							
Death		My	1947				
Burial						Tolar Hood Co. Texas	

Compiler Camilla Berger

Address 19702 Crestknoll

City, State Yorba Linda, CA

Date January 1979 92686

Places of Residence
 Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation ^{Baptist}
 Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 Her Father ^{JAMES STROMAN} Mother's Maiden Name ^{ELIZABETH HEAD}

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	girl <u>Vinnie Mae</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1910	HINTON		OKLA	
		Mar.							
		Death	by	1913	1910				
		Burial						Caddo Co. Oklahoma	
2	James Verle <u>Monelle Hall's</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	7	Fe	1911	Hinton	Caddo Co.	Oklahoma	
		Mar.		Dec	37	LITTLEFIELD	TEXAS		
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Edith <u>Ralph Hubert Bryant</u> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	18	My	1913	Hinton	Caddo Co. ^{Petty} Oklahoma ^{Lamarco Texas}		
		Mar.		Oct	27-35				
		Death							
		Burial							
4	<u>Charles Duwood Lee Oringderff</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Ruby Kinney</u>	Birth		June	19 1915	Mt Pleasant	Litus Co	Texas	
		Mar.			1940?				
		Death							
		Burial							
5	<u>Shelley B Oringderff</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Loyelle Oden</u>	Birth		Mar	12-1918	Petty	Lamarco	Texas	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	<u>Shelton D Oringderff</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Ila Mae</u>	Birth		March	12 1918	Petty	Lamarco	Texas	
		Mar.							
		Death		July	'64				
		Burial							
7	<u>Jewell Estelle</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Roy Kyle</u>	Birth		May	10, 1920				
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	<u>Melvin Leo Oringderff</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Margaret Bates</u>	Birth		Sept	15 1924				
		Mar.			Dec. '75				
		Death							
		Burial							
9	<u>Ollie C Oringderff</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>Bertie -</u>	Birth		May	15 1929	Memphis	Hall Co	Texas	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	<u>Odell + Ozzelle</u> Full Name of Spouse* <u>8</u>	Birth		born July	23	Fannin Co		Texas	
		Mar.							
		Death		died July	'23				
		Burial							

*If married more than once, each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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FAMILY GROUP No. _____ Husband's Full Name _____

This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth							
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.							
	Death							
	Burial							

Places of Residence								
Occupation			Church Affiliation			Military Rec.		

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father					Mother's Maiden Name			
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Wife's Full Maiden Name

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Compiler								
Places of Residence								
Address			Occupation if other than Housewife			Church Affiliation		

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

City, State					Mother's Maiden Name			
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Date					Her Father			
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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Henry Oringderff <i>James A.</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25	Ja	1854				
		Mar.							
		Death	10	Sp	1903				
		Burial							
2	Henry (had 23 children) <i>4 sons</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	John 18 ch <i>Mary 6 sons</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Charles (moved to Texas) Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Joseph Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

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FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name Charles Henry Lee Oringderff

This Information Obtained From: (1) Mrs. J.V. Oringderff

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	30	Oc	1885		St. Louis Co.	Mo.	
Chr'nd							
Mar.	28	Je	1908	Grayford		Texas	
Death			1973			Arkansas	
Burial					Tolar Hood Co.	Texas	
Places of Residence St. Louis Co. Mo. Arkansas (1916-20), Texas							
Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____							
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. #2 Ida (married 1st Mrs. Ch.H.L. O's brother 1908) Make separate sheet for each mar.							
His Father Henry Oringderff Mother's Maiden Name _____							

Wife's Full Maiden Name Sarah Olive Strowman

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	29	Ja	1887				
Chr'nd							
Death			My 1947				
Burial					Tolar Hood Co.	Texas	
Compiler Camilla Berger Places of Residence _____							
Address 19702 Crestknoll Occupation if other than Housewife _____ Church Affiliation _____							
City, State Yorba Linda, CA Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. _____ Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Date January 1979 92686 Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____							

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	girl Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death	by	1913					
		Burial					Caddo Co.	Oklahoma	
2	James Verle Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	7	Fe	1911	Hinton	Caddo Co.	Oklahoma	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Edith Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	18	My	1913	Hinton	Caddo Co.	Oklahoma	
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	 Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
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1850 Iowa Census (Federal)

Jefferson County, Locust Grove Township page 107

John Ornduff	45 m	Farmer	\$1400	Va.
Mary G. "	35 f			"
Eliz. "	16 f			Ill.
Andrew "	13 m			"
James "	11 m			"
Saml. "	8 m			"
Franklin "	6 m			"
Mary A. "	5 f			Ia.
Martin "	5 (f?)			"
(?) "	3 m			"
Hamey (?) "	1/12 f			"

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Wm. Ornduff	91 m	Farmer		Va.
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Jan. 15, 1979

Mrs. Ida Oringderff
Rt. 7 Box 310
Rogers, Arkansas 72756

Dear Mrs. Oringderff:

Your name and address were given to me by Mrs. Verle Oringderff. I am interested in the Oringderff-Orndorff family history and I wrote to her for information on her husband's family.

She told me that you had been married to two of the Oringderffs and that you had an excellent memory and might have more information than she did.

I have taken the information that Mrs. Oringderff sent me and put in on some forms that we use for genealogy. Could you possibly look at this information for me and see if there is anything you can add to it. You can see from the forms the kind of information we need.

For example--What was Henry Oringderff's wife's name? When and where born?

Also where did his father and grandfather come from? Who were they? Who were Henry's brothers and sisters?

I am collecting information for a book on the Orndorff history to be published in a few years. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Any old stories about the family that you can remember would be very helpful. Also do you have any old letter, pictures, family bibles or anything else of this kind? Sometimes pictures have writing on the back.

If you have any birth, marriage or death dates, they would be most useful. Or perhaps you can suggest other sources of information.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can give me.

Sincerely,

Camilla A. Berger

Mrs. Camilla A. Berger
19702 Crestknoll Dr.
Yorba Linda, CA. 92686

P.S. To make it easier, you can write in pencil on the forms and mail them back to me if you like.

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

*James A. **
Henry Oringderff

This Information Obtained From:

(1) Mrs. J.V. Oringderff
3514 N. Nichols-Ft.
Worth, Tex 76106

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	25	Ja	1854				
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death	10	Sp	1903				
Burial							

Places of Residence
Occupation Church Affiliation Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.
His Father Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Rebecca Susan Walker

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	12	No	1855				
Chr'nd							
Death	9	De	1905				
Burial							

Compiler Camilla Berger
Address 19702 Crestknoll
City, State Yorba Linda, CA

Places of Residence
Occupation if other than Housewife Church Affiliation

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date Jan. 1979 92686

Her Father Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
	1 Birdie	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse* Henry Fennell	Mar.					Fannin Co.	Texas	
		Death			1958	Mangum		Oklahoma	
		Burial							
	2 daughter	Birth							burned to death when family moved from Mo.-Tex
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	3 Charles <i>William Henry</i> Lee	Birth	30	Oc	1885	<i>POLK CO.</i> St. Louis County		MO.	
	Full Name of Spouse* Sarah Olive Stroyman	Mar.	28	Je	1908	Grayford		Texas	moved to Ok. c. 1910-11
		Death	29	Ja	1887				
		Burial							
	4 Wilbur	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5 Earl	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse* <i>KATE FOX</i>	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							When family came to Texas the youngest brother of Henry came with them going to Coleman, Texas married a girl and raised two boys and both died young. The boys are still there.
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse* <i>James</i>	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once, each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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155 Woodland Ave. - Apt. 50B
Waynesburg, PA 15370

March 25, 1980

Mildred O. Riordan
Box 725
Odell, IL 60460

Dear Mrs. Riordan:

Your name and address was given to me by the Winchester - Frederick County Historical Society as a possible source to help me on the Orndoff-Orndorff family.

Each year, my family has a "Samuel G. Orndoff Family Reunion" and I would like to write a history and genealogy of our family. I want to carry the family from Samuel (my great-grandfather) to the last baby.

What I need help on is the earlier generations. Samuel's father, Phineas (1827-1900) and grandfather, William (1803-1997) lived in Greene County, PA so I have access to the records on them and I know where they are buried.

BUT, William's father, Jesse (1780-1815 - I'm not sure if he lived in Greene County or not. His wife was Catherine Strosnider. Children: William (1803-1887), wife - Mary Gordon; Catherine (1808-1897), husband - Thomas Goodwin; Rhoda, husband - James Wells; Nancy, husband - Jacob Grove; Margaret, husband - John Blair; Jesse, wife - 1. Isabelle Mooney, 2. Susan Weir.

I would like to get birth and death dates for these people and where they are buried but I haven't found anything on them except for William and Catherine.

Jesse's father was Johannes Peter Orndorff who came to America from Germany. He was twice married and it is the second family I am concerned. Johannes Peter (1734-1798) first lived in Philadelphia. Then when his first wife died, he moved to Frederick County. He married Hannah McIlwee. Children: Joshua; Jesse (1780-1815), wife - Catherine Strosnider; Samuel; Benjamin; Israel;

Anne' David (born 1787); Rebecca (born (1789), husband - John Racy; Levi (born 1791); Phineas; Eleanor; and Isaac. I would like any or all information on Jesse's mother, brothers, and sisters. I got most of my information from John Barclay Orndorff's book but he didn't give the information that I need for my branch.

I will appreciate any help you can give me to fill in the gaps.

I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Shelvajeane Orndoff Blair

Philip Heinrich Arndorff (Ahrendorff), age 38, came into Philadelphia from Germany 2 Oct 1753. He later went on to Chester Co., Pa. We think he had a wife Elizabeth and a son John ^{and two children} with him when he came. *Ship Edinburgh, Capt John Lyon*

Chester County Court House, Pa.

Arndorff, Philip, Vincent Twp. Letters granted 31 May 1777 to

Elizabeth Arndorff, Lewis Arndorff

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Will dtd 17 Feb 1777

beloved wife Elizabeth

beloved son John

beloved son Lewis

beloved son Philip

beloved daughter Mary married to Aronomus

(Cronomus) Taylor (Saylor)

beloved daughter Margret

beloved daughter Susannah

subscribers: Matthias (his Mark) Keely, James John, David Thomas

(Saylor, Hyeronemous, Schuykill twp., Chester Co. Pa, died intestate 1827).

Margret was married to Henkenius which I think has been shortened to Henkins

Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Mildred Riordan
 Address Box 225
 City, State Odell, Ill. 60460
 Date 1980

Person No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____ on chart No. _____.

Chart No. _____

Date of Birth
 b. Place of Birth
 . Date of Marriage
 Date of Death
 j. Place of Death

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4 John Alfred Orndorff

(Father of No. 2)
 b. 1843
 p.b. Frederick Co. Va.
 m. 13 Jan. 1870
 d. 20 Dec 1922
 p.d. Stephans City, Fred. Va.

2 John Daniel Orndorff

(Father of No. 1)
 b. 1 June 1871
 p.b. Stephans City, Fred, Va.
 m. 20 Sept. 1906
 d. 22 Nov 1946
 p.d. Pontiac, Livingston, Ill.

5 Rebecca Susannah Brindle

(Mother of No. 2)
 b. 1 Aug 1852
 p.b. Stephans City Fred Va.
 d. 14 Aug 1915
 p.d. Stephans City, Fred . Va.

Mildred Orndorff Riordan

b. 25 March 1916
 p.b. Pontiac, Livingston, Ill.
 m. 4 Sept. 1943
 d.
 p.d.

6 _____
 (Father of No. 3)

b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

3 _____
 (Mother of No. 1)

b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

7 _____
 (Mother of No. 3)

b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

Leo Riordan

(Spouse of No. 1)

b. 3 May 1906
 p.b. Dwight, Liv., Ill.
 d.
 p.d.

8 John Wm Orndorff

(Father of No. 4)
 b. 1789 - 1797
 p.b. Frederick Co., Va
 m.
 d. 12 Dec 1878 (89 yrs)
 p.d Pine Hills, Fred, Va.

9 Elizabeth

(Mother of No. 4)
 b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d

10 Daniel Brindle

(Father of No. 5)
 b. 1819
 p.b. Pa.
 m. 17 Aug 1851 Fred. Co.
 d. 21 Aug 1866
 p.d Stephans City, Fred, Va.

11 Mary M. Wise Long (Wid)

(Mother of No. 5)
 b. 6 Apr 1821
 p.b. Pa
 d. 11 Jan 1883
 p.d. Frederick Co. Va.

12 _____
 (Father of No. 6)

b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

13 _____
 (Mother of No. 6)

b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

14 _____
 (Father of No. 7)

b.
 p.b.
 m.
 d.
 p.d.

15 _____
 (Mother of No. 7)

b.
 p.b.
 d.
 p.d.

16		John Orndorff	(Father of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
17	b.	Ellen	(Mother of No. 8, Cont. on chart No. _____)
18	b.	Elizabeth	(Father of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
19	b.		(Mother of No. 9, Cont. on chart No. _____)
20	b.		(Father of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
21	b.		(Mother of No. 10, Cont. on chart No. _____)
22	b.		(Father of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
23	b.		(Mother of No. 11, Cont. on chart No. _____)
24	b.		(Father of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
25	b.		(Mother of No. 12, Cont. on chart No. _____)
26	b.		(Father of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
27	b.		(Mother of No. 13, Cont. on chart No. _____)
28	b.		(Father of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
29	b.		(Mother of No. 14, Cont. on chart No. _____)
30	b.		(Father of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)
31	b.		(Mother of No. 15, Cont. on chart No. _____)

John Daniel Orndorff came to Pontiac, Livingston Co., Ill. March 1895

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name John Daniel Orndorff

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This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth	1	Jun	1871	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
	Chr'nd							
	Mar.	20	Sep	1906	St. Mary's,	Pontiac,	Ill.	
	Death	22	Nov	1946	Pontiac,	Livingston,	Ill	
	Burial				St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery,	Pontiac,	Ill.	
	Places of Residence	Frederick Co. Va., Pontiac, Ill. McKeesport						
	Occupation	Farmer	Church Affiliation		Military Rec.			Pa
	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
	His Father	John Alfred Orndorff		Mother's Maiden Name				Rebecca Brindle

Wife's Full Maiden Name Lina Gschwendtner

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife	
Birth	27	Jan	1877	Pontiac	Livingston	Ill		
Chr'nd				St. Mary's Catholic Church,	Pontiac,	Ill		
Death	7	May	1954	Pontiac	Livingston,	Ill.		
Burial				St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery,	Pontiac,	Ill.		
Places of Residence	Pontiac, Ill.							
Occupation if other than Housewife			Church Affiliation		Catholic			
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.								
Her Father	Anton Gschwendtner		Mother's Maiden Name					Magdalena Brueck

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Harold Alfred Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25	Nov	1907	Pontiac	Livingston	Ill.	
		Mar.	Unmarried						
		Death	27	Jan	1934	Pontiac	Livingston	Ill.	
		Burial	St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Pontiac, Ill						
2	Helen M. Full Name of Spouse* Louis Gassensmith	Birth	25	Nov	1907	Pontiac	Livingston	Ill.	
		Mar.	2	Jul	1934	St. Gertrude's,	Chicago	Ill.	
		Death							
		Burial							
3	Raymond Full Name of Spouse* McCormick Viola Heisner	Birth	12	Jul	1914	Pontiac,	Livingston	Ill.	
		Mar.			1950	Joliet,	Will	Ill	
		Death							
		Burial							
4	Mildred Full Name of Spouse* Leo Riordan	Birth	25	Mar	1916	Pontiac,	Livingston	Ill.	
		Mar.	4	Sep	1943	St. Mary's Catholic Church,	Pontiac,	I	
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

My parents

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

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Husband's Full Name John Alfred Orndorff

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This Information Obtained From:	Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Census	Birth			1843			Frederick, Va	
Family records	Chr'nd							
Salem Cemetary	Mar.	13	Jan	1870	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
St. Mary's Cemetary	Death	20	Dec	1922	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
Courthouse records	Burial	Salem Brethren Cemetery Stephans City, Va						

Places of Residence
 Occupation Farmer Church Affiliation Dunkard Military Rec.
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.
 His Father John Wm Orndorff Mother's Maiden Name Elizabeth

Wife's Full Maiden Name Rebecca Susannah Brindle

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	1	Aug	1852	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
Chr'nd							
Death	14	Aug	1915	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
Burial	Salem Brethren Cemetery, Stephans City, Va						

Compiler _____
 Places of Residence _____
 Address _____ Occupation if other than Housewife _____ Church Affiliation Dunkard
 City, State _____ Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar. Long
 Date _____ Her Father Daniel Brindle Mother's Maiden Name Mary M. Wise

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	John Daniel <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> Lina Gschwendtner	Birth	1	Jun	1871	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
		Mar.	20	Sep	1906	St. Marys's	Pontiac,	Ill	
		Death	22	Nov	1946	Pontiac,	Livingston,	Ill	
		Burial	St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Pontiac, Ill						
2	Jessie B <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth	2	Aug	1875	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
		Mar.	Unmarried						
		Death	10	Oct	1892	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
		Burial	Salem Brethren Cemetery, Stephans City, Va						
3	Mary Elizabeth <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small> Wm J. Cline	Birth	8	Jan	1880	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
		Mar.	10	Oct	1906	Mauertown,	Frederick,	Va	
		Death			1960	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va.	
		Burial	Salem Brethren Cemetery, Stephans City, Va						
4	Bessie <small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth	10	Apr	1882	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
		Mar.	Unmarried						
		Death	10	Jan	1898	Stephans City,	Frederick,	Va	
		Burial	Salem Brethren Cemetery, Stephans City, Va						
5	<small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	<small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	<small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	<small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	<small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	<small>Full Name of Spouse*</small>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

My grandparents

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FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name John Wm Orndorff

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Census	Birth	1789-1797					Frederick, Va.	
Courthouse records	Chr'nd							
	Mar.							
	Death	16 Dec 1878			Pine Hills,		Frederick, Va.	
	Burial							
Places of Residence								
Occupation		Farmer		Church Affiliation		Military Rec.		
Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.								
His Father		John Orndorff		Mother's Maiden Name		Ellen		

Wife's Full Maiden Name Elizabeth

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							
Compiler							
Places of Residence							
Address		Occupation if other than Housewife		Church Affiliation			
Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.							
Date		Her Father		Mother's Maiden Name			

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	Louisa Orndorff Full Name of Spouse* Edmund H. Ridings	Birth	ca		1822			Frederick, Va	
		Mar.	6	May	1843				
		Death							Martinsburg W. Va
		Burial							
2	James Hampton Full Name of Spouse* Nancy Ann Baker	Birth	ca		1825				
		Mar.							
		Death	12	Nov	1886	Cherry Grove,		Frederick, Va	
		Burial							
3	Wm H. Full Name of Spouse* Wid Sara Johnson Gardner	Birth	ca		1827			Frederick, Va	
		Mar.	5	Jun	1872			Frederick, Va	
		Death							Frederick, Va
		Burial				Salem Brethren Church Cemetery,		Stephans City Va	
4	Harriet Ann Full Name of Spouse* Wm. Mumma	Birth	ca		1829			Frederick, Va	
		Mar.	28	Oct	1856			Frederick, Va	
		Death							
		Burial							
5	Philip Benjamin Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	25	Dec	1837			Frederick, Va	
		Mar.	Unmarried						
		Death	20	Apr	1913	Stephans City,		Frederick, Va	
		Burial				Refuge Methodist Church Cemetery,		Stephans City	
6	Jane M. Full Name of Spouse* Benj F. Steele	Birth	ca		1842			Frederick, Va	
		Mar.	14	Mar	1866			Frederick, Va	
		Death							
		Burial							
7	John Alfred Full Name of Spouse* Rebecca S. Brindle	Birth			1843			Frederick, Va	
		Mar.	13	Jan	1870			Frederick, Va	
		Death	20	Dec	1922	Stephans City		Frederick, Va	
		Burial				Salem Brethren Cemetery		Stephans City, Va	
8	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

My great grandparents

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